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#### U.N. installs spy cameras in Irag

BAHRAIN (AP) - U.N. arms inspectors have established a grid of 50 spy cameras across Iraq in a ooe-of-a-kind operation to forestall any attempts by Baghdad to acquire long-range missiles, forestall any attempts by Bagndad to acquire long-range missiles, the official in charge said Saturday. "Nothing comes close to it. It covers an entire country," said Guy Martelle, the American whose 20-member multinational team of experts installed the system over the past three weeks. "It is one of a kind, the largest and first of its kind in the world... it is phenomenal." Dr. Martelle spoke to reporters in Bahrain at the regional headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of demilitarising Iraq of all weapons of mass destruction. He said the monitoring system was tailored specifically for Iraq by one of the U.N. member nations, but did not identify the country. The United States has contributed the most experts and expertise to the U.N. operation launched with the cease-fire that followed the Gulf war in April 1991. Dr. Martelle said the grid laid by his team used 20 tonnes of equipment, including cameras that were installed at 15 sites, 66,000 metres of cables, scores of sensors and a 94-metre mast.



:Gambian military seizes power

DAKAR (AP) — Mutioous Gambian soldiers proclaimed a military government Saturday, and the elected president of Africa's smallest oation took shelter on a U.S. warship. The four feutenants who proclaimed themselves the new government of the West African nation said that no blood was shed. They suspended the constitution and political parties and declared a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. Senegal, which completely surrounds sliver-like Gambia and intervened to put down a coup in 1981, put its military on alert and moved some troops to positions on the border.

Gambian soldiers who had served in a peacekeeping mission in Liberia, apparently protesting lack of pay, seized the airport and a nearby station in Banjul, the national capital, on Friday. Broadcasts Saturday announced the formation of a provisional council of the armed forces, headed by four lieutenants identified only as Yahah Jammeh, Sadibu Hydara, F.D. Sabaly and t. Signateh, th Washington, State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty said Gambia's president, Sir Dawda Jawara, was aboard the tanklanding ship USS La Moure County.

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# cases spread in Aden

ADEN (Ageoeies) -Cholera has spread in Aden and 17 of 150 infected residents have died in the last three days in the sonthern Yemeni city hit hy water and food shortages stemming from the two-month civil

Aden's mayor said that entrances to the city would remain sealed off for another week to enforce security as its residents recover from looting and shortages after two months of civil war.

Northern Yemeni troops opened fire on protesters in the southeastern port city of Mukalla, killing and wounding several people, a Western

diplomat said. A northern Yemeni official spokesman later denied the

The diplomat said hundreds of southern Yemenis had gathered Thursday to protest against "the massive presence of northern troops" in the city, 700 kilometres east of Aden.

Northern troops opened fire and "the shots caused casualties among the demonstrators," the source said, without giving exact figures. The northern spokesman, quoted by the official ocws agency SABA, said the report was "totally ground-

"The situation in Hadramawt province is calm and the armed forces are posted not in the city" of Mukalla. capital of Hadramawt, he

Mukalla, the second largest city in southern Yemen with 130,000 residents, was captured by northern troops loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh on July 4.

Southern breakaway leader Ali Salem Al Beidh was born in the city, and moved his headquarters there from Aden shortly after civil war broke out on May 5. He fled to Oman when Mukalia fell. Mr. Saleb's troops seized control of Aden on July 7,

ending the war. Doctors at Aden's hospitals told government officials the first cholera eases appeared on Thursday night and up to 17 people have died

They said 15 cases were reported on Thursday night, jumping to 90 by Friday and to 150 on Saturday and that some people were dying at home before being taken to hospitals.

Aden, where the population swelled to half a million from 350,000 before the civil war, has been without fresh water or food for most of the

fighting.
Its residents gather daily at scores of wells for untreated and mostly dirty water and doctors and international rehef officials bad warned of a spread of diseases in the city. where summer temperatures are at 40 degrees Celsius.

One family held a funeral on Saturday for a 40-year-old mother and her daughter, 24, who died of cholera. The woman's 18-year-old son was in serious condition in hospit-

"There are fears of the disease spreading if clean wa-ter and basic medical supplies are not provided soon, Jameel Thahet, a health ministry official told Renters.

Meanwhile Mayor Taha Ahmad Ghanem said to a statement that he is restricting entry to Aden to residents, relief workers, amhulances and food convoys starting on Saturday until July 29.

Yemen's government on July 17 sealed off Aden's entrances for one week to crack down on lawlessness. Mr. Ghanem said the decision was extended due to food, power and water shor-

tages and so that travellers, will not disturb peace and

# Cholera Beirut probes blast claims, but sceptical formed suicidal units ... that

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies)
— Lebanese security investigated but was sceptical oo Saturday of a little known group's claim that it carried ont a bombing in Buenos Aires which killed 100 people at a Jewish centre.

Security forces in the southern port of Sidon were looking for members of the Ansarollah — "Supporters of God" group that issued a statement late on Friday also claiming hombing of a Panamanian plane, killing all 21 people on board, security

sources said. They said the tiny group is led by Jamal Suleiman, a fundamentalist Palestinian guerrilla officer who broke away from the mainstream Fateb movement in South Lebanon in 1991.

They said they did not believe Sulciman's followers had the ability or expertise to carry out the bombings and said that the statement appeared to be a hoax. The sources described the

statement that was published in Beirut's Al Nahar newspaper on Saturday as vague and failing to clearly claim the attacks. "The faithful forces have

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk

Al Sharaa accused Israel

Saturday of trying to split

Arah ranks and strike sepa-

rate peace deals, but said

Syria's position on the Mid-

dle East peace process re-

Speaking to reporters in

Beirut, Mr. Sharaz said some

of the Arab parties to the

talks had "abandoned coor-

dination," but "this does not

affect the Syrian or Lebanese

tracks" of the peace process.

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with the Palestinians and Jor-

Mr. Sharaa accused Israel

of "an attempt ... to split the Arah parties" to prevent

them coordinating among

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the Palestine Liberatioo

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dan "do not gain real public support, whether in the

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tore the Islamie and Arab dignity ... and have vowed to hattle and confront Zionism everywhere." the statement said. "The operations to Argentina and Panama are only a proof." The Buenos Aires bomb

have begun working to res-

went off on Monday and the Panamanian plane crashed on Tnesday. An Israeli cabinet minister

said Israel should assassinate the perpetrators of the bombing in Argentina.

There is no room in fighting terror for due process of law," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told Israel Radio. "If there is positive identification of a terrorist ... he should get his due: aim at him and finish him off at short range, to prevent his next

Mr. Sarid, generally an outspoken proponent of peace with the Arabs, said his comments represent the 'overall view' of the cabinet.

Monday's bomb blast in Buenos Aires claimed at least 43 lives. Dozens are feared missing under the ruins of the seven-storey huilding.
Israel has accused Iran of

future.

Sharaa says Israel seeking

to split Arabs, separate deals

and might ignite trouble in

Lehanese President Ehas

Hrawi on the outcome of

U.S. Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher's visit to

Damascus, and handed him a

message from Syrian leader

He said the results of Mr.

Christopher's talks in Syria

ending Friday were "serious"

and had led to "a better

understanding of the Syrian

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process launched in Madrid

five-day shuttle mission be-

tween Syria and Israel on

Friday with no sign of a

breakthrough in their stalled

updated Beirut after each

visit by Mr. Christopher. The

two countries are linked by a

treaty of friendship, coopera-

tion and coordination signed

in May 1991, and each says it

will not sign a peace treaty

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draw completely from all.

Syria demands that Israel

Damascus has constantly

Mr. Christopher ended a

in 1991, Mr. Sharaa said.

Hafez Al Assad.

position."

negotiations.

Earlier Mr. Sharaa briefed

Mr. Sarid was asked to elaborate on Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' statement that "we won't be restrained until the last of (the perpetra-

tors) is buried. The South American attacks were seen as revenge for Israeli actions in Lebanon. Israel bombed a hase of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah movement last month, killing 50. It recently kidnapped Mustafa Dirani, a Hizbollah

Mr. Sarid said he would not be concerned even if Israelis nnconnected to the secret services carried out revenge attacks.

Argentina's President Carlos Menem has said members of Israel's Mossad secret service were already in Argentina investigating the bombing.
The Mossad is known to

have assassinated 12 planners of the killings of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, At least one innocent was also mistakeniy killed, and critics charged the campaign harmed Israel's international standing.
Mr. Sarid was joined by

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cluding the strategic Golan

Heights. However, Israel

wants Syria to commit itself

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Saturday that a public state-

meet hy Israel expressing

readiness to withdraw from

the Golan and South Leha-

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It said President Assad had

told Mr. Christopher that

Syria was ready to discuss

steps to help achieve a break-

through, but efforts should

Government newspapers

said Mr. Christopher had de-

cided to return to the region

soon as a result of Mr.

Mr. Christopher visited

Syria and Israel twice during

the past week before return-

ing to Washingtoo on Friday.

plane that the two countries

had moved beyond "psycho-

logical testing" of each other and were well into concrete

details of an accord on an

Israeli withdrawal from the

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Mr. Christopher said he

He told reporters on his

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not be one-sided.

Assad's offer.

Syrian newspapers said



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor alight from their plane early Wednesday at Washington's Andrews Air Force Base (Petra wirephoto)

# King, Queen arrive in Washington

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor arrived in Washington Saturday morning - ahead of the King's landmark meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin on Monday.

The King and Queen were accompanied by Prime Minister Ahdul Salam Majali, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Lower House of Partiament Speaker Taher Al Masti, the King's Political Advisor Marwan Al Qasem, and Jordan's Amhassador to the United States

vez Tarawneh. The King and Queen and the accompanying delegation were received at Andrews Air Force Base by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Talal Ben Mohammad and Princess Ghida, senior officials of the American administration. Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi, other senior officials and heads of the Arah diplomatic missions in Washington.

The King and Mr. Rabin will meet under the auspices of President Bill Clinton on Monday. Both leaders will address a joint session of the

that it was agreed on during all meetings of the Arah parpeace settlement would aim

with Israel. Arabi magazine, Dr. Anani d the dearee of ac

ties involved in the peace talks with Israel that peace should be the final objective of these talks despite varying paces on the different tracks. Dr. Anani noted that any

Jawad Anani said meanwhile

at restoring occupied Arah lands and said that was still it too early for a peace treaty In an interview with the Paris-based Al Watan Al

country should be respected through the understanding of each country's special nature. On Jordanian-Palestinian

relations, Dr. Anani said that Jordan views these relations with the objective of restoring occupied Palestinian land and seeing the Palestinian people eojoying their full Information Minister of the peace process was in- national soil.

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wards peace should be

looked at as an irreversible

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vated by fear or intimidation.

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He pointed out that the

# Princess Basma urges new human development strategy

STOCKHOLM (Petra) -Her Royal Highness Princess Basma has called for adopting policies and strategies to attend sustainable human development. These strategies are: The eradication of illiteracy through free and compulsory education, improving the status of women, and a balance between needs and

resources. Princess Basma said in an address at the first plenary session of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) here that "although limited development finance and aid is available, it is not distributed in the most fair or ideal way among people and nations as well as between competing projects. Expensive infrastructural projects get the lion's share of investment and development aid not only because of the prestigious nature of such projects hut also because they allow donor countries to export their products and ser-

stations, telecommunications and weapons are favoured over schools.

"Higher education is advanced at the expenses of primary education. Such aid policies, which we have been witnessing for decades, do not lead to sustainable human development." She said that human de-

velopment is a balanced development in which the two genders participate with equal opportunity. "However, until now, in

most developing nations, women are still far behind. she noted.

"Respect for human rights is an integral part of sustainable human development processes," she said. "Nowhere is respect for human rights more essential and needed than it is for women. Respect for women's rights to equal opportunities as well as the enhancement of their abilities is a prerequisite for sustainable human development. Without it, development remains only partial, as

in the case of most developing countries. Princess Basma pointed

able to men and women."

out that in this decade of great political transition "we must turn our attention inward and try to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor, the illiterate and the iterate, abondance and scarcity; and last but not least, the opportunities avail-

The princess called upon nations to "realise the extent and limitations of their resources whichincleded natural as well as other resources. For such limitations pose constraints on development. both economic and demographic.

More than 100 international intellectuals, journalists. academics, and businessmen from 48 countries are taking part in the Stockholm conference in addition to a number of U.N. officials.

Princess Basma was ehosen last year as the U.N. honorary ambassador for human development affairs in appreeiation of her efforts in the field of human development especially in the field of child. woman and rural develop-

# The Princess said: "Power Kim Il-Jong wants to meet Clinton

BEIJING (Agencies) — North Korea's oew leaderdesignate Kim Jong-Il wants to meet U.S. Presideot Bill Clinton and insists that a sammit between the two Koreas sbould go ahead, South Korean publisher Pak Bo-Hi said here Saturday.

Mr. Pak, who had a private meeting with Mr. Kim in Pyongyang Wednesday, said the son of late North Korean President Kim II-Sung had also made it clear that pledges made in June by his father to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter - including a freeze on the North's nuclear programme - re-

mained in effect. Mr. Kim expressed thanks for Mr. Clinton's message of condolences on the death of his father, and said he was looking forward to meeting the U.S. president "some day," Mr. Pak told reporters here after returning from an 11-day stav in North Korea.

According to Mr. Pak, Mr. Kim also made it clear during their 45-minute meeting that a first-ever North-South summit, originally scheduled for July 25-27, would go ahead and "follow already agreed upon arrangements." although he did not specify the new date.

Mr. Pak said other highlevel North Korean leaders had also expressed keen anticipation of a future summit, the fate of which had been left in considerable doubt following the death of Kim Il-Sung on July 8.

The pledges made to Mr. Carter by the late leader included an undertaking to freeze the North's nuclear programme and a resumption of high-level talks with

Washington. Mr. Pak, whose visit to the North could land him a jail term if he returns to South Korea, is president and publisher of the South Korean

newspaper Segye Times, secretary general of the Federation for World Peace (FWP), and a leading member of Reverend Moon Sun-Myung's Unification Church, which has links with Pyon-Mr. Pak was in Beijing

when he received an invitation to visit the North and travelled from here for what was an extremely rare meeting with Kim Jong-II, who is usually inaccessible to visitors from outside North Korea.

Mr. Kim had appeared extremely confident during their meeting, Mr. Pak said, adding that all indications from other North Korean officials he spoke to were that

he was firmly in control. Mr. Pak said he raised the question of when Mr. Kim would officially he proc-laimed president with North Korean Vice Premier Kim Young-Nam, who in reply said only: "It will come."

The vice premier indicated that the announcement had been delayed as a result of the mourning period for Mr. Kim's father.

no sign of a succession struggle and every high-ranking official he met, including in the military, had voiced complete loyalty to Mr. Kim.

Antonio Betancourt, who is deputy secretary general of the FWP and accompanied Mr. Pak to Pyongyang said that North Korean officials had indicated to him that a message of condolences on Kim Il-Sung's death from the South would help secure the future of a North-South sum-

"They strongly hinted that in order to move the summit on, they expected some condolences from South Korea." Mr. Betancourt said.

#### process could "not achieve Middle East in early August occupied Arah territory, inreal stability in the region" Israel, PLO to hold talks on implementing economic deal

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel will begin talks on implementing their economic accord in the Jericho self-rule area on Sunday, officials from both sides

Ahmad Qouriea, (Ahu Alaa), member of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in charge of trade and economics, said the meeting would be held in the joint Israeli-PLO liaison offices in Jericho.

"During the Palestinian National Authority meeting in Gaza today an economic committee was named and it was decided that talks oo setting procedures to implement the economic accord woold start on Sunday," Mr. Qouriea told Reuters.

Elisheva Braun, spokes-woman for Israeli Finance Minister Abraham Shohat, said the meeting of the joint economic committee "will be the first between Minister Shohat and Ahu Alaa since they signed an economic agreement in Paris.

Mr. Shohat and Mr. Qouriea signed an economic accord in Paris in April detailing relations between the Palestinian and Israeli econo-

Another PLO official said Sunday's meeting would deal with 32 items that needed to be resolved before actual implementation of the agreement began.

"The meeting is aimed at setting procedures for implementation of the economic accord and we may demand some amendments, particularly those related to the import policy from Arah states," said the official, who did not want to be named.

He said the items to be. discussed iocluded implementation follow-op procedures, import and export policies, customs clearance, the number and rights of Palestinian labourers working in Israel, and a Palestinian currency for the self-rule areas of the Gaza Strip and

Jericho. Mr. Qouriea said funds pledged by international donors and the World Bank

'would be implemented according to the PLO's agreement with the World Bank which took place in Washingtoo last month." Another PLO official said

this meant introducing a system of "transparency which would lead to the disbursement of funds committed by international donors but that had been delayed by the Palestinians' tack of trans-

"We had agreed in Washington on a priority list of projects for the development of the Palestinian economy in the fields of technical assistance and investment," the official said.

During its meeting on Sunday, the PNA eodorsed an operational plan to be implemented by the year's end. officials said.

One official said the 17 members approved a programme outlining the work of each department in the selfrule administration.

The serious, gradual but

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# Israel still looking for key to open talks with Damascus

Yitzhak Rabin's ministers favour returning all the Golan Heights to Syria in return for peace, but Israel is still looking for the key to open talks with Damascus.

Hopes raised ahead of the latest shuttle by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher were dashed once

And those ministers, who publiely stress that only strong superpower intervention can break the deadlock, are saying in private that Mr. Christopher looks increasingly unlikely to deliver. In Syria too, the United

States got a rough ride as the official press poured out scorn, saying Washington bore twice as much responsibility for the stalemate as

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres admitted that not only was no sign of an end to the impasse, despite the weeklong diplomatie hlitz, hut not even any talks in the pipeline.

"Unless we establish the right method I wonder if we can make an agreement on the content," he said.

It was the foreign minister who sparked opomism when he deelared a couple of days before Mr. Christopher arrived in the region that Israel recognised Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

That first public recogninon followed a series of statements by ministers that peace would never be achieved unless all the plateau was handed back

Even the cautious Rahin has implied that Israel will

TEL AVIV (AFP) — A return the strategic heights he majority of Prime Minister seized as chief of staff in the 1967 war.

He repeats ad nauseam that the size of Israel's withdrawal depend on the size of the peace, that Israel is prepared for "very painful" deci-

Duriog the secretary's trip Mr. Rahin declared: "With Syria we expect to follow the path we took with Egypt."

While he was directly referring to a phased withdraw-al from the Sinai desert completed in 1982, the example of Egypt is remembered above all in Israel for the total withdrawal from every last grain of sand.

But two trips hy Mr. Christopher to Damascus, a day in Jordan three days in Israel produced no apparent change. Mr. Rahin will not go all

the way and state plainly that he will withdraw from all the Golan unless Syria says it is prepared for total peace with open borders and diplomatic and trade des.

"I cannot go to the Israeli public without a clear commitment from Syria," Mr. Rahin told Mr. Christopher. according to a minister.

When Peres recognised Syrian sovereignty he threw up a hat for Christopher to smash home in Syria," senior official told AFP. "But he has failed to do so," he

The secretary simply described the Peres statement "very courageous."

'Christopher cannot get the commitment out of Syria," said the minister, who refused to be named.

Several ministers pine for the days of tough-talking James Baker who banged on the table and dragged Israel's Premier Yitzhak Shamir tn the peace table for a process he did not want in October

'Today we don't know the U.S. position on Syria be-cause we have not heard it," complained one of the Israeli participants in the last round of talks. "Baker would anounce the president's position and we knew that

"With Syria we need a muscular mediation and that just doesn't exist." Rumours in the United

States that Mr. Chritopher's days in office are numbered have done little to strengthen his image in Israel.

Official confidence that the start of treaty negotiations with Jordan following the launch of Palestinian self-rule would draw in Syria has yet to prove well-founded. Egyptian Presideot Hosni

Muharak seems to think he has a chance and announced he was also taking the road to "I am going very soon to

Damascus to persuade President Assad to adopt a new approach to try to solve the problems with the Israelis." he told Friday's Yediot Aharonot newspaper.
"The time has come to

look to the example of Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians and to undertake direct and public negotiatioos with Israel.

Mr. Peres said Mr. Mubarak would visit Damascus on



Siyabî (left) and hîs Yemeni counterpart Ali Askar are seen Saturday at the Algerian Foreign Affairs Ministry after they were found by security forces the day before. The two ambassadors and two others disappeared on July 15 in the Islamic stronghold of Khemis Al Kechna, east of the Algerian capital (see page 12) (AFP photo)

# Sudan rebels, Kenyans welcome ceasefire

NAIROBI (Agencies) — Sudanese rebels and Kenyan mediators welcomed as a step forward Friday's ceasefire declaration by the Sudanese government.

A statement broadcast on state Radio Omdurman said the unilateral ceasefire took effect at midnight on Saturday (2200 GMT) in response

day (2200 GMT) in response to a call from Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi.

The Sudan Penple's Liberaonn Army (SPLA), the mainstream rebel group led by John Garaog, said the declaration should be followed by a convince and to lowed by a genuine end to hostilities on the battlefronts in the south.

"It is good news. But we know previously such ceasefires were declared but fighting continued on the ground. It is up to the government to

follow its intentions with positive action," an SPLA spokesman said.

He was speaking from a secret locatinn outside Nairohi where government and rebel teams have been meeting since Tuesday when Mr. Moi opened what he said were last-chance peace negotia-

"It is wonderful news. I sincerely hope it will give the talks the necessary imperus to build on to a point where we may have some sort of agree-ment," a Kenyan official told Reuters.

Negotiators, who declined to be identified, said the talks had not produced tangible progress hut both sides were reviewing the success of a humanitarian agreement signed last May. The government and rebel

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teams were exploring how the pact could be followed by political commitments, they

"At the moment there is not even a clear agenda. It is all still exploratory," said a udanese official.

Friday's move aimed to provide proof of the government's serious desire for peace, the Khartoum statement said, adding the government was willing to take a risk even though the southern rebels had used past truces to plant mines.

The inter-Sudanese peace talks are being sponsored by the Inter-governmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), currently chaired by Kenya.

The decision to call a ceasefire coincided with the start

of the rainy season, which is set to restrict the movement of government troops in the

The Sudanese authorities have expressed willingness to meet rebel representatives in African and Western capitals to reach a lasting peace accord, but accused the rebels of preferring to loot U.N. relief and cootinue

fighting than seek a peaceful resolution of the civil war. The presidency underlined the fact the government is delcaring the ceasefire onilaterally and praised the IGADD peace initiative.
Friday's statement added

the Sudanese government was committed to stopping the "hloodletting" and restoring peace to the country, wracked by unrest since a military coup in June 1989.

# Aden port, refinery resume operations

SANAA (Ageocies) -Aden's port and oil refinery. badly damaged in the twomonth Yemeoi civil war, have been repaired and are operating again, the official Yemeni news agency SABA reported late Friday.

A Liberian-registered oil tank-er entered the port Friday loaded with crude oil from the Maareh field east of Sanaa, officials quoted by SABA said. It was due to deliver its cargo to the newlyoperational Adeo refinery.

A Panamanian-registered tanker and several ships carrying humanitarian aid, in-cluding supplies from the In-ternational Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), also ar-

rived at the port.
Yemen received 18 tonnes
of medical supplies from the Arah League Friday, in-SABA reported.

Aden's port installations were hit during an intense mnnth-long bomhardment by northern forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh before they captured the city no

The refinery, which pro-cessed 140,000 harrels of oil per day before the war, was seriously damaged by northern warplanes. Several fuel, storage tanks were hit, along with the administration hlock.

Aden international airport, which was also damaged, remains closed.

On Thursday a Yemeni economist, Ahdullah Ali Said, estimated that more than \$4 hillion would be needed to rebuild Aden. Yemen produced 350,000

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harrels of oil per day before the war, more than half of it from the Maareb field. According to President Saleh, the war which broke

out on May 5 cost 931 lives and wounded 5,000 people.

### Church attacked

A group of Muslims attacked and almost completely wrecked a Catholie church Friday. in Aden, police said

A police source who asked to remain anonymous said "armed fundamentalists" attacked the church at Al Tawahi, central Aden, during the afternoon, destroying the interior and windows.

An AFP correspondent said the cross atop the church had heen ripped off, and the doors and windows had been smashed in.

The 19th century huilding served employees of western firms and diplomatic missions.

Hundreds of political prisoners, including militants of the Jihad movement, have heen set free in southern Yemen in recent days following the victory by northern forces in the two-month civil war.

Al Islah is the sworn enemy of the Yemoni Socialist Party whose leaders laun-ched the bid to secede from the north. Both organisations are members of the government coalition in Sanaa.

Is(amic groups are looking to extend their influence over Yemen's political future, and have demaoded the imposidon of the Sharia or Islamic (aw to cover the whole of the country as its "sole source of legislation."

# British and U.S. firms cooperate on Kuwait sale

KUWAIT (R) — Two British and American firms with large Kuwaiti arms contracts will cooperate on providing training and spare parts for tanks and armoured cars they will deliver in coming years, one of the firms said.

Analysts said the move by Britain's GKN Defence and America's General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) was a rare example of companies from rival trading nations cooperating to create savings and efficiencies in a highly competitive market.

Under an agreement signed on Monday by GKN Defence of Telford, England, a unit of engineering group GKN and GDLS, a division of arms manufacturer General Dynamics, the two firms also agreed jointly to look for oppurtunities to provide general logistical support for other weapons used hy Kuwait's military, GKN said in a statement.

Kuwait last year bought 254 desert warrior armoured fighting vehicles from GKN Defence for about \$900 million and 218 M-IA2 Abrams main hattle tanks from GDLS for about \$2 billion. Deliveries of both orders.

expected to start next year. are likely to take several vears. An industry analyst said

the agreement meant the two firms would consult each other to try to identify efficiencies and savings that might be made in delivering their vehicles, supplying spares and training and providing other services.

"It's not totally unprecedented - I'm sure there have been multinational agreements like this elsewhere," an industry analyst said. "But only a year ago, the nations these two companies represent were in a highly competitive situation. 'It shows the maturity of the

companies involved."
Major defence sales, especially the sale of Desert Warrior, was marked by intense British-American com-

The orders were among the largest Kuwaii has placed for weapons since a U.S.-led Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of the emirale.

Kuwait has been the world's biggest spender of defence in per capita terms and as a percentage of national wealth since its 1991 liberation from Iraqi occupation, when its military plant and equipment was looted or destroyed, according to the London-based Internacional Institute for Strategic Stu-

But diplnmats have expressed concern that Kuwaiti officials may not have appreciated the extent of training and preparation required to use and service the multimillion-dollar tanks and armoured vehicles.

Some have expressed concern that Kuwaiti defence planners may not have allocated sufficient funds to cover sales support such as depots, hangers and new roads. "Under the agreement signed on 18 July, GKN and

GDLS have agreed to ensure the successful introduction into service and support of each other's products and to cooperate to provide the best overall logistic support for all KLF (Kuwaiti land forces) forces and equipment." a GKN statement said.

# Kurdish factions settle differences

NICOSIA (AP) — Two rival Iraqi Kurdish factions Saturday announced they had resolved the prohlems that plunged their self-governing enclave in northern Iraq into fratricidal strife two months

A joint communique issued by Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) said that "a comprehensive settlement" of their differences was agreed during talks in Paris last week. A copy of the communique was faxed to the Associated Press in Nicosia.

The root causes of the Kurdish conflict were addressed and both sides agreed that all outstanding problems be resolved through peaceful and democratie means." the eommunique added.

Hundreds of Kurds were reported killed in a civil war that raged in May hetween the two parties which jointly ruled the enclave. A ceasefire has been generally holding since early June, despite minor elashes following appeals by both party leaders to their followers. The autonomous region

led alliance at the end of the 1991 Gulf war to protect 3.5 million Iraqi Kurds. The enclave continues to be protected by U.S. British

was established by the U.S.-

and French warplanes hased in neighbouring Turkey. The communique said the talks were attended by senior

delegations from the two par-

ties, without naming them.

chosen by Yasser Arafat to form a municipal council in Gaza, in order to "preserve national unity." In a statement issued Saturday, the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas. the Democranic and People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP and PFLP) and Islamic Jihad called on

would remain intact.

Mr. Shawa "not to play the game of Palestinian autonomy and to resign." Mr. Shawa was chosen last week to form the municipal council. His cousin Mansour Al Shawa who was originally chosen stepped down after Mr. Arafat rejected his proposed list of council members, which included fundamentalist opponents. The statement said that "Palestinians will not remain indifferent if Shawa cootinues to play along with the authority and ignore the positions of the diverse movements" among Palestinians. The four organisations are opposed to the autonomy accord of May 4 which launched self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Mr. Shawa told reporters that he was "continuing consultations" to form a municipal council and expressed the hope that "diverse Palestinian movements will be

Rabin woos religious party into coalition

TEL AVIV (R) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin promised to gain majority backing in Israel's parliament for his Israeli-Arab peace efforts when his Labour party initialled

a memorandum oo Friday with the ultra-orthodox Shas

party. "It is important to create a parliamentary majority as

big and stable as possible relative to the problems still

facing us," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel

Radio after the Labour-Shas deal was signed in Tel Aviv.

Shas's six members would give Mr. Rabin the support of 65

seats in the 120-member parliament, his first majority since

taking office two years ago. Yeud, a small right-wing party

with three seats, signed an agreement with Labour earlier this month. Shas, which left Mr. Rahin's government

before last September's Palestinian autonomy deal, said it

would support his Middle East peace moves. It also secured

a pledge from Labour that current religious legislation

Groups oppose Shawa as municipal head

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Four Palestinian oppositioo groups

on Saturday called far the resignation of Awn Al Shawa,

Sudan to register voters next week

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan will start registering voters

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next week for a general election expected in March, a state-run newspaper reported oo Saturday quoting a member of the electoral commission. The governmentowned Al Ingaz Al Watani quoted Adam Mohammad Badri, rapportent of the seven-man commission, as saying its members would begin by registering voters in all areas of the country not made inaccessible by the rainy season. He said the list of voters, once complete, would be permanent and would be used for any election or referendum. The government says it intends to replace the current appointed parliament with an elected one. The president and his deputy are also due to be elected, probably in 1996. Sudan's president, Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, formed the electoral commission late last month and appointed a former judge, Abdul Moneim Al Nahas, to bead it. Elections are currently being conducted at local and provincial levels under the Lihyan-style non-party system based on people's congresses. Gen. Bashir disbanded all political parties when he seized power from the civilian government of former Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi in 1989. He accused them of corruptioo, sectarianism and nepotism.

### Algerian woman wins refugee status

PARIS (AFP) - A 23-year-old Algerian woman who fled her country because of Islamic fundamentalist persecution won refugee status in France on Friday, ending I two-year battle. The woman, named only as Nadia E. lived in France until she was 14. She returned to Algeria with her parents, but in 1991 was repeatedly threatened and attacked by fundamentalists because she continued to work as a secretary, refusing to wear the veil and stay at home. Her lawyer Patrick Carnohan said: "She was stoned, she had to give up her joh and she ended up running away when her family tried to marry her off against her will." On arrival in France, she was at first refused refugee status, but appealed. On Friday, an appeals commission ruled she had been "the victim of repeated threats and violence by Islamic elements" and that Algerian authorities had coodoned the situation. The appeals commission has accorded refugee status to only I3 out of 700 applicants since January, 1993. Friday's ruling would set a precedent for other women in Nadia's predicament, Mr. Carhohan

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Norway's first resident ambassadordesignate to Jordan, Tove Kijewski, Saturday presents her credentials to

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan (Petra photo)

## First resident ambassador-designate of Norway presents credentials

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Norway's first resident amhassadordesignate to Jordan, Tove Kijewski, Saturday presented her credentials to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan. Ms. Kijewski said later that the Norwegian embassy could he formally opened in September.

To date Norway appointed a non-resident ambassador to the Kingdom, and an honorary consnlate, operating since 1969, took care of trade and other relations, Ms. Kijewski told the Jordan

In presenting her creden-tials, Ms. Kijewski said she hoped that strong relations between Norway and Jordan would be furthered for the benefit of the two sides.

Norway deeply appreciates the Kingdom's policies under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and Jordan's role in serving humanitarian and internaNorwegian amhassadordesignate.

Ms. Kijewski said the decision to open an embassay here was taken at the start of the year and it was in recognition of the Jordanian role in the Middle East region and in various international activities.

Mr. Hassan welcomed the opening of the embassy, expressing hope that the new move would advance ties between the two coun-

# Jordan urges Turkey to help end U.N. sanctions on Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian parliamentarians Saturday urged their Turkish counterparts to exert serious efforts towards ending the U.N.-imposed emhargo on Iraq and alleviating the suf-

fering of the Iraqi people. The call was made by Senator Zeid Rifai, acting speaker of the Upper House and Abdul Razzak Tubeishat, deputy speaker of the Lower House, at separate meetings they held with a visiting fivemember Turkish parliamen-

The Turkish delegation, led by Erdal Inonu, chairman of the Turkish parliament's

JERASH FESTIVAL

the South Theatre at 20:30.

Concert by the American Folk Dance En-

semble of the Brigham Young University at

Concert by Nas Al Giwan group of Moroc-

Folklore Troupe at the Sound and Light

co at the Artemis Theatre at 21:30.

arrived in Jordan Friday following a visit to Iraq to discuss the effects of sanctions and future Turkish-Iraqi relations, according to Turkish embassy sources here.

Following the meeting, Mr. Rifai said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that apart from the topic of Iraq, the two sides dicussed the situation in Bosnia, Jordan's contributions to the U.N. peace-keeping forces, and Turkey's role in ending the tragic situation in

Other issues discussed were the Middle East peace process, Jordanian-Turkish cooperation in trade, tour-

ism, transportation and culture, according to Mr. Rifai. Dr. Tubeishat discussed parliamentary cooperation and the Arab-Israeli peace

> For his part Mr. Inonu expressed support for the Middle East peace process and said he was delighted over the recent establishment of the Jordanian-Turkish Parliamentary Friendship Socie-

The delegation, which concludes its three-day visit to Jordan Sunday said that discussion between the two sides on regional and international issues were identical.

### WHAT'S **GOING ON**

☆ The Smurf Show (Haya Centre) at the Sound and Light Theatre at 19:00.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

\* Exhibition of Chinese products at the Royal

Cultural Centre.

Concert by the Oriental Jordan University & Oil painting and ceramic exhibition by Folklore Troupe at the Sound and Light Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Al 'Ain Art Gallery, Wadi Sagra (Tel. 644451).

# Survey finds scholastic performance 'poor'

# Regional meeting on monitoring, evaluation opens

AMMAN (J.T.) - A recent survey on the scholastic performance of school children has revealed that the overall performance is poor, according to Mary Rootkowsky, an educationist at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Mrs. Rootkowsky, addressing the opening session of a four-day regional symposium on monitoring and evaluation of school performance, Saturday said that the findings represent a challenge to the nation and its educational

But, she added that the. problem was being dealt with

Educational Research and Development (NCERD).

She said that UNICEF, working in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was extending assistance to the centre in a drive to enable it to improve scholastic performance.

The symposium is organised by the centre in cooperation with UNICEF and UNESCO after the three organisations jointly con-

ducted the survey.

This seminar, Mrs. Root-kowsky said, is designed to

enable educationalists to exchange information and views about the joint efforts made in this respect and those of the concerned Arah states-which are undertaking a similar education monitoring and evaluation programme and are taking part in the

present meeting.

Also addressing the meeting, NCERD Director Victor Billeh said that the current evaluation programme was in line with the resolutions of the 1990 Thailand conference on education for all," held under U.N. auspices.

The centre, in cooperation

evaluate the survey and to with the Ministry of Education, designed an integrated school performance monitoring and evaluation programme that was conducted with funding and expertise from UNESCO and UNICEF. added Dr. Billeh.

Speaking at the outset of the meeting, Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh said that in 1990 a process to reform the educational system in Jordan through the introduction of new systems, making available new educational facilities and text books and upgrading the performance of teachers had hegun.

The current monitoring and programme evaluation constitutes part of the reform process, said the minister.

In the four-day deliberations, the delegates representing Jordan and eight Arah and neighbouring states will review working papers dealing with the Jordanian experiment and those of a number of participating countries.

Representatives of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), Jordanian universities and the Ministry of Education are attending the meeting at Forte Grand Hotel.

# Iraq, Jordan approve accounts of joint company

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Iraq and Jordana Saturday approved the final accounts of a joint transport company for 1993 and a programme of action to improve the status of the firm, which has reported a loss in the first six months of this year after registering

a profit last year. The Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (ULTC), a firm owned by the governments of the two countries, is battling the effects of the international sanctions against Iraq and its plan of action includes change in the administration and operations, company sonrces said.

The firm's administrative and operational policies also came under review during a meeting of its general assembly held at the Ministry of Transport ehaired by Transport Minister Samir Kawar and his Iraqi connterpart, Ahmad Murtada, the sources said.

At a meeting held on Thursday, Mr. Kawar was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as criticising some of the practices and policies of the firm and calling for improved methods to better the status of the company and new policies in appointing staff so as to enable it to

The company is now mostly involved in the transport of goods ex-empted from the sanctions arriving in Aqaba. It also operates its trucks within Iraq.
But as the volume of

make profits.

Iraq-bound cargo passing through the Kingdom's port dwindled as a result of tightened inspection procedures, the company suffered losses, according to the sources.

A report of the company's status, reviewed on Thursday, said the firm bad suffered a loss of JD 430,000 in the first six months of the year.

The company expected a JD 6 million profit in 1993, hut made only JD 1.8 million during the year. It was also expecting a higher profit this year instead of the loss that was reported.

Mr. Murtada was quoted by Petra as saying that the company, established in 1980, was planning to acquire 100 trucks after dis-posing of 97 vehicles from its present fleet to boost its operations.

The purchase is expected to be partly financed by the proceeds from spare parts worth JD 3 million. The purchase will come ahead of the expected easing/ lifting of the sanctions.

Prior to the Gulf crisis triggered hy the braqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, the company had 900 vehicles. Nearly 500 of them have been sold or scrapped since then.

According to a company source, breakdowns of the company's vehicles and costly and delayed repairs are frequent on the 1,300kilometre route between Aqaba and Baghdad and some of the internal regulations adopted by the firm are detrimental to the over-

all interests of the entity. Company officials declined comment saying the ministers were planning to introduce major changes aimed at improving the status of the firm.

During Saturday's meeting, the company board of directors, which includes senior officials from both sides, approved the final aecounts for 1993, re-viewed the firm's performance in the first half of this year and assigned auditors for the years 1994 and 1995, Petra reported. It did not give details.

During his stay here, Mr. Mnrtada also visited the company's facilities at Aqaba and the Arah Maritime Bridge Company, which operates ferries between Aqaha and Nuweibeh in Egypt, The Arah Maritime Bridge Company is owned equally by the governments of Jor-

dan, Iraq and Egypt.
In comments carried by Petra, Mr. Murtada said Agaha would continue to be a very important port in the region and that Iraq was committed to using the Red Sea port for its im-

The comments appeared to be aimed at reassuring Jordanians that the gradual increase of Iraqi import operations through the Iraqi Gulf port of Umm Quis would not have any adverse impact on Jordan's transport sector.

Mr. Kawar said in June thas the Kingdom's transport sector had lost \$500 million hecause of the blockade of Aqaba as part of the international sanetions against Iraq.

The minister told a seminar that in 1989, Jordan's pool of 10,000 beavy trucks contributed \$420 million to the Kingdom's gross domestic product, about 20 per cent of the total.

"After having moved more than 20 million tonnes in 1988, the volume of goods passing through Agaha dropped to 22 per cent of that because of the hlockade" a report presented by Mr. Kawar said,

# Parties opposed to peace talks issue statement

By a Jordan Times Straff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian political parties opposed to the Arah-Israeli peace talks Saturday issued a statement condemning all negotiations with Israel and calling for a day of mourning in Jordan on July 25 to protest the summit meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin in Washington.

The statement, signed hy eight parties and the pan-Arab and Jordan People's Committee for confronting normalisation of relations with Israel, said that all meetings designed to endorse the Israeli "enemy's" usurpation of Arah lands and holy shrines should be condeWe reject the Jordanian-

Zionist negotiations because they do not aim to safeguard our nation's interests; we reject the Oslo and Cairo agreements and the Jordanian-Israeli common agenda; and we call upon all the political forces and national and Islamic organisations to declare their rejection of the meetings and urge them to help foil the conspiracy" said the statemeni.

It urged trade unions, political parties and other organisations to confront and abort attempts at normalisation of relations with Israel and reassert the Palestinian people's rights to repatriation and the restoration of all Arah rights in occupied Jeru-

salem and other parts of Palestine. "The secretaries general of

the parties signing this statement have carefully studied the current Jordanian-Israeli negotiations which started at Wadi Araba and the Dead Sea and continue in Washington and would like to warn that the Arah Nation is facing the most serious danger in its history with the continuation of the Arab-Israeli talks because they are aimed at harming the nation's identity and ceding Palestine to the Zionist enemy," said the

The current talks, charged the statement, are clearly designed to transform the central Palestinian issue into a question of borders and water rights, something which

Israel to penetrate into the heart of the Arah World and ensure Zionist hegemony over Arab destiny.

would open the door for

The current negotiations represent an embodiment of unilateral deals with Israel and a departure from the comprehensive solution, and they are being conducted under the auspices of the United Strates, "tthe enemy of the Arah Nation" and the sponsor of the Jewish entity and leader of the 30-nation coalition that destroyed Iraq, the statement continued.

Citing the example of Egypt, which normalised its relations with Israel 15 years ago, the statement said false promises are being given to the Arabs about prosperity in the region as a result of peace with Israel, adding that Egypt continues to face the worst economic situation as a consequence.

While we reaffirm our keenness on regaining every inch of occupied Jordanian land, we also warn that the restoration of Jordanian rights should not be done at the expense of the occupied Arah territories the state ment said.

The parties that signed the statement were: The Jordan Arah Baath Socialist Party, the Islamic Action Front Party, the National Action Front Party, the Jordanian Socialist Democratie Party, the Jordan People's Democratic Party, the Jordanian People's Democratie Party and the Arah Jordan Democratic

# Crossing Borders' through ethnic music

By Angham Tamimi

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - The Artemis Theatre in Jerash danced on Thursday and Friday nights to marvelous collection of music from Arah and non-Arab countries, gathered by the Crossing Borders Ensem-

The Crossing Borders En-

semble is an international

group of artists comprising eleven musicians, including vocalists, and players of string, wind and percussion instruments. The ensemble performs classical Arah, Persian, Latin-American, European-American, Scandinavian, and

African music, in addition to indigenous American music such as Lakota (American-Indian) musie, square dances, jaz and hlues. The members of Crossing Borders, formerly connected

bles, used to perform as soloists and are specialised in specific ethnic music styles. "In order to perform

"I believe that music is the right way to get to people. So, I spent one and a half years in South America, a <u>y</u>ear in India, a year in Europe, a winter in Ireland and some time in the Middle East — Jordan, Palestine and Egypt. I feel it is necessary to pend a long period of time in any world region before per-forming its music," said Mr.



The Crossing Borders Ensemble performs Friday at the Jerash Festival of

Culture and Arts, five mem-

bers of the eleven appeared

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Mr. Packard played Irish

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Tim O'Keefe played rik,

congas, and bongos. His area

of musical interest is in the

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Culture and Arts (Photo by Yousef Al

At the Jerash Festival of Greek, Kurdish and Persian milieux. Miek LaBriola, who studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, played dumbeg and con-

> Cheryle Pashke, who specialises in Scandinavian music, played violin. Ms. Pashke is also a music teacher and the coordinator for the Minneapolis All-City Orchestra. Her interest in Arabic mnsic was fostered by Mohammad Fadel, a violin teacher at the National Music Conservatory in Amman, whom she met at a string teacher's course in Washing-

ton D.C. The ensemble performs many vihrant pieces of traditional music with the aim of increasing cross-cultural understanding and promoting appreciation for diversity, "believing this will further peaceful and just relations among peoples and nations of

the world," said Mr. Pack-

When invited to the Jerash Festival, the ensemble's aim was not only to perform there, hut also to take the opportunity at the National Music Conservatory of Noor Al Hussein Foundation

While working with NMC's Sakher Hattar and Mohammad Fadel, Crossing Borders said that they learned a great deal. They are lonking forward, they said, to the honour of having these two Jordanian musicians join Crossing Borders.

Mr. Packard said that his group also performed with Fuheis Ensemble for Heritage Revival, which, he said. was "like a dream come true.

Happily, Mr. Packard said, all the members felt welcomed wherever they went. especially in the Middle East and South America, hut the people of Jordan, he said, are "incredible."

# Egypt, Jordan overcome 'dark clouds,' says envoy

AMMAN (Petra) - Egyptian Ambassador to Jordan Wajih Hamdi Saturday described Jordanian-Egyptian relations as strong and progressing after the two countries have overcome what he called the "black clouds that darkened the skies" as a result of the Gulf crisis.

Speaking on the anniversary of the Egyptian revolution, Mr. Hamdi said that the recent meeting in Amman by the Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee was very fruitful and charted the way for stronger ties and cooperation in various fields.

The two countries are bound hy several trade, economie and cultural protocols which are designed to ensure continued cooperation, he

open a meeting in Cairo next month to follow up on ways of holstering trade ties, announced the ambassador. Referring to the Jordanian-Israeli talks held last week in Wadi Araha, Mr. Hamdi said

that they constituted a very

The Jordanian-Egyptian

Trade Committee is due to

Wajih Hamdi important step towards achieving peace. The talks reflect the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and his courageous stand in defence of Arah rights,

Describing as a historic

turning point the scheduled July 25 summit meeting in

added Mr. Hamdi.

Washington between King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin. hosted by U.S. President Bill Clinton, the amhassador said he hoped that the talks in the U.S. capital would give further momentum to the peace

process. It is also hoped, said Mr.

Hamdi, that the talks in

Washington and the hilateral

meetings between Jordan and

Israel would lead to progress

its services at the disposal of

the Arah parties to help them

negotiate with Israel and re-

He said Egypt would place

on the other tracks.

gain their rights.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Cabinet endorses new salary scale

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Ministers Saturday endorsed the salary scale adjustment of senior civil servants and bigh-ranking officers in the armed forces. The Cahinet also appointed Hanna Odeh as director general of the Social Security Corporation. Dr. Odeh replaces Mohammad Saleh Hourani. The Cahinet also appointed Mohammad Batayneh as director general of the Jordanian Corporation for Investment, Mohammad Mukdadi as director general of the Department of National Libraries. Documentations and Archives.

### **OBITUARY**

Nayef Hawatmeh and his brothers Najib, Issa and lawyer Adeeb deeply mourn the death of their aunt Jawaher Suleiman Hawatmeh 'Umm Saleem'

and offer their heart-felt condolences to the family of the deceased over this great loss.

May her soul rest in peace

The U.S. embassy urged

Haiti's military leaders Fri-

headed for the Dominican

"There are significant time still have this sense of urgenday to "immediately" step cy in terms of time slipping down as 100 U.S. troops away... I don't think anybody could say how long we are prepared to continue to

U.S. sees time ebbing for

political solution in Haiti

The dominican Republic's Foreign Ministry said that about 100 U.S. troops would arrive in the country this weekend to help reinforce the border to prevent smuggling into Haiti under an agreement between the country and the United States.

Mr. Schrager said earlier that the United States and Dominican Republic were close to agreement on a plan for a U.S.-sponsored force to seal off the Haitian border against fuel smugglers, a key step in U.S. effort to make economic sanctions bite

deeper.
The United States has demanded that Hain's military rulers turn over power to exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted in September 1991 coup.

The Clinton administration Thursday sought U.N. authorisation for an invasion if needed to topple Haiti's junta. Washington is aiming for UN. approval of the resolution by the end of next week, and the White Housew said Friday that President Bill Clinton met with senior advisers on international issues, including Hairi.

To protest the request to the United Nations, Haiti's military rulers said in a communique Friday that they felt a renewed determination to hold elections and establish "real democracy."
Asked if the United States

would wait until it had obtained U.N. endorsement for any military action, Mr. Schrager said, "I wouldn't rule anything in or out, all options are on the table." He said he was unaware of

any deadline for the military leaders to leave. "An inva-sion is not imminent, but who knows what 'imminent' means," he said.

Time constraints for a political solution including Haitian local and legislative elections due in November or December, a December pan-American summit in Miami, and U.S. congressional elections in November, Mr. Schrager said.

term is to expire in February 1996, and delays in returning would weaken his ability to govern, he said.

He said the international community would not recognise the results of any Haitian elections held under the military, which also intends to hold a presidential election in time for a new president to take office Feb. 7, 1995.

To help fight the effects of the sanctions, the militarybacked government has said it plans to print more currency, promoting fears of runaway inflation.

. Meanwhile, an international aid official said a shipment that arrived Thursday of 10,000 barrels of fuel for use in humanitarian programmes was being held up in port by unprecedented delays in

obtaining import permits The U.S. Coast Guard picked up 83 Haitian refugees at sea Thursday, but none Wednesday, and a recent decline in refugee numbers shows encouraging signs of bolding, Mr. Schrager said. The Coast Guard said it

had picked up no refugees by midday Friday.



Haitian women steady a water bowl on top of a the Cite Soleil district of Port Au Prince. small girl's bead as the container is filled with Haitians walk for miles to get clean water for drinking water at a water distribution point in use in their homes (AFP photo)

### Arrests roll after Italian graft debate

ROME (R) - A former Italian defence minister was arrested on suspicion of graft Saturday, just days after Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was forced to climb down over a decree that allowed scores of graft suspects to leave jail.

Mr. Berlusconi, still smart-ing from the row that brought his government to the brink of collapse Tuesday, said be had considered quitting at the height of the crisis.

In a sign that Italy's anticorruption had not been hampered by the controversy, investigators in the Siciliao city of Catania ordered the arrest of former Defence Minister Salvo Ando together with five other local politicians and businessmen.

Judicial sources said they were detained as part of an investigation into contracts banded out by a local bos-

pital. Mr. Ando, a member of the discredited Socialist Party, served as defence minister following year.
In Milan, the city's elite pool of "clean bands" antigraft investigators who had threatened to quit over Mr. Berlusconi's decree, ordered the arrest of Roberto D'Alessandro, a former bead of the Agusta State Helicopter Сотрапу.

He was beld on suspicion of violation of laws on the financing of political parties. The arrests came the day after Mr. Berlusconi's gov-ernment formally approved a bill that will tighten rules for holding suspects in pre-trial custody but effectively keep

justifies preventive custody.

The bill was introduced after Mr. Berlusconi's government was forced into an embarrassing climbdown over an earlier decree that had removed graft and bribetaking from the list of offcoces liable for preventive

corruption as an offence that

custody in jail. The decree, formally thrown out by parliament Thursday, bad unleashed a torrent of protest in Italy

president fled

from critics who accused Mr. Berlusconi of protecting the country's discredited political

decree remained in force, more than 2,500 people including more than 230 graft suspects - left jail, most of them for bouse arrest. It was effectively killed off

Tuesday when Mr. Berlusco-ni's main political allies flatly refused to back the decree, arguing it would spell the end of the graft investigations. In an interview published

Saturday, Mr. Berluscooi said he bad considered quittiog the crisis, but decided otherwise to save the country from political and economic

"I was tempted," be told Corriere Della Sera news-

"From a political point of view it would probably been expedient. But I am not a traditional politician and the idea of more months of economical paralysis was literally

word of Colonel Lawan Gwa-

'dabe, who took over the

command in a routioe rotation last month.

The British government

Saturday said it "strongly de-

plored" the mutiny and the

secretary-general of the

Commonwealth, which

#### **George Burns** released from hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) Comedian George Burns was released from a hospital Fr day after he cut his head in a bathtub fall. "He's doing very well. He's looking for ward to going back to work sbortly," said Paula Content a spokeswoman for Cedare Sinai Medical Centre. The 98-year-old comedian occur. two stitches after the fall one July 13 at bis Las Vegas, home. He was admitted for observatioo Monday. Tests found no additional problems. Burns had to cancel an engagement that was to begin Thursday at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. "The only thing that he's annoyed about is his management cancelled his Las Vegas performance," said Ron Wise, a hospital spokesman. "He never misses a date. But his doctor was

#### \$1.7m Stradivarius stolen from Rolls in New York

NEW YORK (R) — A Stradivarius violin worth \$1.75 million and a Joseph Rocca violin worth \$250,000 were Israeli violinist Romy Rogoff, went to telephone for belp when his late 1980s Rolls got a flat tire in midtown Manhattan. Police said an unidentified man approached the car and asked Mr. Rogoff's passenger if he Japanese violin collector Irie haod-crafted by Antonio Stradivarius and bis family in the 18th century.

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# Holiday romances

launched a compaign to prevent holiday romances from was launched in December sold, mostly to young people, drug addicts by making clean needles available. Between 25 and 30 per cent of heroin addicts in France have AIDS and 70 per cent are carriers of bepatitis C. On sale for the state-subsidised sum of five francs (\$1) will be a kit containing two hypodermics, disinfectants, a coodom and sterilised water. Attempting to catch up in the fight against heroin. France will also step up its methadone substitution programme providing 1,645 beds before the end of the

Something 3 miles (5 km) or more would cause mass extinctions on Earth, according to NASA. There are 15 comets that pass inside Earth's orbit that are between .6 and 6 miles (1-10 km) and could cause massive damage if they crashed into This is not likely any time

soon, nor have there been any reports of a buman being dying by a meteorite or comet impact in the last 1,000 years, according to NASA's

Nevertheless, the six-day death dive of Shoemaker-Levy appears to have raised comet consciousness on Capitol Hill, where the House of Representatives Science. Space and Technology Committee asked NASA to study some of the comets and asteroids whose paths will intersect Earth's.

partment and in NASA have advocated using "Star Wars" technology to take aim at any incoming comets and change their orbits, but Mr. Shoemaker disagrees.

# old guard. In the five days that the

stolen from a parked Rolls Royce in New York City, police said. The violins were stolen while the car's owner, had dropped any money on the curb. The violins were stolen as the passeoger, Kazumasa, searched the ground. Mr. Kazumasa owned both violins. Stradivarius violins, widely considered among the finest string instruments ever made, were

### OK, but use a condom

PARIS (AFP) - France bas

boosting the number of its AIDS cases, a European record standing at more than 30.000 victims since the I forget everything except a condom" is the theme of television spots and a poster campaign aimed at bolidaymakers tempted by casual sex during the long hot vacation. Red ribbon bracelets bearing the words "when you wear a condom, you protect me" are being handed out in discos, at petrol stations, camp sites and summer festivals and on beaches. A total 3,600 discoswill hand out free condoms and a French Red Cross convoy will tour holiday resorts to spread the auti-AIDS word. The government will also step up supplies of cheap condoms, on sale for one franc (20 cents). In the five months since the operation last year, 7.5 million were and another 9.4 million will be put on the market. Authorities also launched a \$13 million programme to fight AIDS and hepatitis among year, compared with 500 at

#### Hitler, Mussollni mistaken for ancient britons

LONDON (R) - Two stone faces displayed in a British museum as rare, 2,000-yearold Celtic carvings have turned out to be a wartime joke. The two menacing stone faces won pride of place in Pendle Heritage Centre, northwest England, after they were dug out of a nearby garden in 1968. But 78-year-old Ted Ridings recognised them as rough carvings of Italy's wartime fascist leader Benito Mussolim and German Nazi leader Adolf Hitler done by his brother Leslie in 1939. The faces have now been removed from the museum's exhibit.

# **Burmese troops battle** Mon resistance fighters

BANGKOK (AFP) - A platoon of Burmese troops bat-tled ethnic Mon resistance fighters for the second time in as many days, but there was no report of casualties, a Mon official said Saturday.

The 30-minute clash Friday night occurred about 10 kilometres from the Thai-Burmese border opposite Thailand's Sangkhlaburi district, the Mon National Relief Committee (MNRC) official said when reached by telephone from Bangkok.

The clash followed a battle Thursday between Mon fighters and about 100 Burmese troops who had occupied Kwan Saya Village and were marching to the main Halockhani refugee camp about two kilometres away.

No one was reported hurt in that battle either, but the MNRC said the angry sol-diers torched Kwan Saya Village in retaliation. The fighting also sent some

5,000 Mons fleeing the camp near Three Pagoda Pass across the border into Sangkhlaburi district, some 280 kilometres northwest of

The MNRC said Friday it thought the Burmese troops occupied Kwan Saya to conscript Mons as porters and to State Party, which is locked in ceasefire talks with Burma's military regime.

Meanwhile Amnesty International Friday said it was "gravely concerned" for the safety of 16 men currently in the hands of the Burmese army, following an attack on a civilian refugee camp on the Thai border.

And it called on the Burmese government to prove its stated commitment to human rights by ending such incidents and unconditionally releasing 58 prisoners of conscience said to be held in the "Amnesty International is

gravely concerned for the safety of the 16 men currently in the hands of the 'tatmadaw' (Burmese army), particularly because the organisation has received many reliable reports of torture and killing of civilians by the 'tatmadaw'," the London-based human rights organisation

Burma's Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaw told journalists Friday his country had no human rights problem only 24 hours after soldiers attacked the Halockhani civilian refugee camp on the border with Thailand. Amnesty International re-

# Shuttle lands in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, Flora day-long delay.

The spacecraft landed at 6:38 a.m. (1038 GMT), some 24 hours after its initial sche-

to set a new shuttle record for length of time in space of 14 days, 17 hours and 55 mioutes, surpassing the pre-vious mark of 14 days, 13 minutes seconds set last October by another Columbia crew

Duriog the flight, the astronauts paid bomage to the Apollo 11 space mission, the first from which 25 years ago on July 20, 1969, the first man walked on the moon.

from July 1992 to April the

Gambian soldiers mount coup, say Atlantic coast beaches, is a popular destination for Brit-ish tourists, about 1,000 of

whom are believed to be io Gambia and bave been

By the end of the day they had taken over the city's international airport, radio station and power station. International telephone lines went

unanswered.

Sir Dawda, his country's president since independence from Britain in 1965, survived a leftist coup attempt in July 1981 thanks to Settegalese military intervention.

marched on his resideoce in protest at arrears of pay for peacekeeping duties in Liberia. The demonstration ended

Its 800-strong army is led by a Nigerian colonel under a 1992 agreement between the

restore calm.

Geoeral Emeka Anyaoku said he had been deeply concerned at news of the unrest.

ances and their possible implication for the democraticalaly elected government of the Gambia are yet to be fully quantified," he said.

(NASA). NASA estimates there are

2,100 asteroids larger than .6

mile (1 km), and further

theorises that the collision of

a falling body that size on

Earth could degrade the

global climate, leading to

widespread crop failure and

# Angolan rebels engaged in pitched Caimbambo battle

LUANDA (Agencies) — Angolan rebels fought pitched battles Friday for a second day with army thoops defending the strategically important central city of Caimbambo, a government comman-

The town has seen heavy fighting since Thursday." General Armando Da Cruz Neto, commander of the central military front, told repor-

He could not give exact figures for losses on either side in the battle for the tuwn, which lies on the route from the government-held coastal city of Benguela to the rebels' headquarters of Huambo. Military sources said civi-

lians had fled to villages 80 kilometres away. UNITA took Caimbambo after civil war resumed in late 1992 but the government seized it back last year. The sources said UNITA

(National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) was also shelling the besieged central highland city of Cuito and the town of N Dalatando, capital, of Kwanza-Norte province.

Government sources also referred to UNITA troop movements in the south, particularly around the towns of Quilengues, Matala, Jamba-Mineira, Mucua and Cuvelai. Skirmishes which began Sunday continued at Namacande, near the border with Namibia.

State-run media quoted official military sources as saying the guerrillas were moving towards the Mabubas Dam, about 100 kilometres north of Luanda.

War first broke out when. the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) came to power upon 1975 independence from PorMay 1991 briefly brought peace but broke down when UNITA rejected its defeat in U.N.-supervised elections in

September 1992. International initiatives have so far failed to restore

UNITA guerrillas have forced down an airplane carrying alleged South African mercenaries and are holding the men as prisoners in northern Angola, reports said

Friday. UNITA leaders in Huambo released a statement through their Lisbon. Portugal representatives saving a "PC-7 aircraft" carrying an unidentified number of "assassins" had been shot down in Lunda North province late Wednesday.

A South African private security company confirmed one of the plane's passengers - identified by UNITA in the statement as D. Scheurkogel - as an employee and asked the rebels to "immediately hand over the prisoners to the South African or British embassies," the Portuguese News Agency

(LUSA) reported.

Executive Outcomes spokeswoman Wilna Lubbe in Johannesburg told LUSA that the Angolan government had hired company staff to help train soldiers and im-

prove efficiency. The company had just renewed a training contract with the government this week, Ms. Lubbe said.

Both UNITA and the government have repeatedly accused the other of hiring mercenaries to fight in the nation's bitter civil war, though no concrete proof has sur-

Independent confirmation of Wednesday's incident was not immediately available.

### The delay meant the craft

ida (AFP) — The U.S. space shuttle Columbia laoded here safely Saturday bringing its seven-member crew home from a record-breaking science mission after storms forced

duled return Friday was delayed by stormy weather in

Banjul have announced a

military coup and say Presi-

dent Sir Dawda Jawara has fled the country, state radio said Saturday. "This is an announcement by the Gambian Armed Forces. This country is being taken over by the Gambian Armed Forces. The previous political regime has been completely toppled," a man identifying himself as Lieute-

nant Yaya Jameh said. The former head of state, Sir Dawda Jawara has fled the nation. Some former government ministers have been captured and are in safe hands," he added in a broadcast monitored in neighbouring Senegal. He said his men, who ram-

DAKAR, Senegal (R) — Gambian a soldiers who ram-paged through the capital paged through the capital of the small West African country Friday, had arrested Vice President Saihou Sabally and established a provisional ruling council, consisting of himself and three other lieute-Diplomats in touch with

their missions in Banjul said radio Friday evening. announcing their takeover and imposing an overnight

Lt. Jameh appealed for calm and asked people to return to work.

The country, with glorious

advised to stay in their hotels. Soldiers, originally, thought to be simply protesting over unpaid wages, were first reported rampaging through Banjul Friday morn-

dead and messages to Banjul's public telex office went

The airport and land borders were reported closed on Saturday.

In 1991 disgruntled soldiers

peacefully after negotiations. Gambia is a tiny nation of one million people bordered on three sides by Senegal and on the fourth by the Atlantic

groups former British colonies, has offered to help In a statement, Secretary-

"The extent of the disturbtwo former British colonies. There has so far been no

loss of life.

# Comet dies on Jupiter, leaving band of southern bruises

GREENBELT, MD (R) -The last piece of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 slammed into Jupiter, ending a six-day death plunge that left the planet battered but rich in date that astronomers will mine for years.

"All the fragments that we could see with a telescope have hit Jupiter, so that part of the show is over," said comet co-discoverer Eugene

Shoemaker at a briefing. Images taken by the orbiting Hubble space telescope and other observatories around the world show Jupiter with a series of bloodycoloured bruises at about 45 degrees latitude all around its southern bemisphere.

The bruises — and at least

two "black eyes" featuring dark central scars and larger concentric smudges - are the signs of the impact of some 21 fragments of the dying comet, which hit the giant planet at 134,000 miles an hour (60 km per second) starring July 16. The last chunk of the com-

et to make impact, fragment W. landed around 4 a.m. edt (0800 GMT) Friday, creating a fireball and plume of hot gas that rose far above Jupiter's surface, astronomers said at the briefing at Goddard Space Flight Centre its suburban Washington.

Lucy McFadden, who bas been analysing the impacts all The dark bruises visible in photographs of Jupiter are not holes in that planet's ammonia clouds, astronomers said rather they are dark patches high in the stratosphere and will help scientists

track stratospheric winds.

But so far, none of the

bruises have completely dissi-

pated and astronomers said

Friday that it is likely that

After the comparative "fiz-

zles" of fragments U and V.

the fragment W impact was a

grand finale, said astronomer

This image of Jupiter shows eight impact sites

from some of the 21 fragments that hit the planet over a week-long period ending July 22. 40 million megatomies of TNT (AFP photo)

comet crashes will be visible even after a year. Shoemaker and others had hoped that the comet collisions might confirm the existence of water on Jupiter which scientists have theorised - but astronomer Andrew Ingersoll said these comet fragments probably did not dip down into the layer of water believed to lie

beneath Jupiter's clouds. Astronomers were expected to mull the data collected during the last six days for as much as a decade, and more information is expected from the Galileo space probe, the only craft to actually see the impacts in

Earth-based telescopes and even the Hubble Telescope could only see the results of the crashes because the impacts occurred on the side of . Jupiter turned away from Earth.

David Levy, who disco-

distinct signs of the mini- vered the comet in 1993 along with Shoemaker and Shoemaker's wife Carolyn, urged amateur astronomers to continue to continue to monitor the comet's progress, because its long tall will continue to plough into Jupi-

Amateurs have a crucial

role to play, Mr. Levy said,

ter until mid-September.

because Jupiter will be heading towards the sun and some of the world's largest telescopes will not be able to track it. But some smaller. less sensitive telescopes, like those many amateurs use, will be able to follow it. The fiery death of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 on Jupiter provided astonishing pictures

question remains: What if such a crash happened on Earth? Mr. Shoemaker reassured reporters even as the contetbarrage of Jupiter proceeded:

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examine for years - but one

Shoemaker-Levy was oo \*dinosaur-killer. Jupiter, with a mass more

The fragments from comet Shoemaker-Levy 9

hit Jupiter with a combined explosive force of

than 300 nmes Earth, may bear the scars of Shoemaker-Levy's demise for a year or more, with "black eyes," bloody-coloured bruises and a dazzling show of its northern lights all caused by the impact of comet chunks. If one of Shoemaker-

Levy's 21 chunks hurtled toward Earth, it might dig a crater the size of Rhode Island and send up debris into the atmosphere that could filter sunlight and affect crops, but it would not threaten eivilisation, Shoemaker and others have

For those who theorise that the violent descent of a meteorite, asteroid or comet wiped out dittosaurs on Earth 65 million years ago, this is not necessarily calming, given predictions by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

# Some at the Defence De-

"Knocking a comet down is a tough thing to do." Mr. Shoemaker said Friday. "... I for one am not one that's advocating that we have a standby armada of launch vehicles, ouclear weapons to go shoot them down.

He did agree that concentrating on the few comets or other bodies most likely to collide with Earth would be appropriate, but said trying to get them all would not be the right response to the situation.

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Goma to lay it next to hundreds more. Tens of thousands of from a raging cholera epidemic (AFP photo)

Masked relief workers carry the body of a man hit by cholera in Rwandans left the Zairean refugee camps near Goma to escape

### U.S., Germany urge Serbs to accept Bosnia plan

SARAJEVO (R) — U.S. and German officials Saturday called on the Bosnian Serbs to reconsider their rejection of the latest peace plan as tensions rose in Sarajevo after a spate of attacks on aid aircraft.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel criticised Serb demands for amendments to the ioternational peace plan drawn up by the five-nation "contact group,"

"The response from the Bosnian Serbs is disappointing. Their additional demands are further delaying a peace settlement," Mr. Kinkel said in a speech in the southern Bosnian city of Mostar:

Mr. Kinkel said the Serbs faced punitive measures if they failed to back the plan by July 30, when foreign ministers from the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany will consider what steps to take

against the Serbs.

"If the attitude of the Bosnian Serbs hasn't changed by (July 30) their answer will 1 (101) victims since the have to be taken as a 'oo', with all the consequences this entails. I call ou them again to accept this plan. It is not a

chance they should cast The Serbs have asked for further talks to address their demands, but the Muslim-Crnat Bosnian Federation has endorsed the deal that' would divide up the former

Yugoslav repriblic roughly in half between the two sides. Mr. Kinkel was speaking at a ceremony marking the beginning of European Union administration of the battered city of Mostar, where Croats and Muslims fought a bitter 10-month war before agreeing a ceasefire io Febru-

The two armies withdrew from confrontation lines this week and Bosnia's Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic said Croats and Muslims would have to learn to live together.

"This is a moment of great

hope for Mostar and its citizens, who endured indescribable suffering in the last two years," he said in a speech in Mostar, "This is a day when, I hope, a new page is being opened in relations between the two peoples."

In Sarajevo, sniping was on the increase and United Nations officials said three days of attacks on relief aircraft at the U.N.-controlled airport posed a serious risk to the humanitarian airlift into the

Five planes were hit by small arms or machine-gun. fire at the airport Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, wounding two passengers and forcing the suspension of aid.

The United Nations said the airport was open only to U.N. military flights hut the safety of aircraft could not be ensured.

In the latest incident, an Ukrainian U.N. soldier who had just finished his sixmooth tour was wounded Friday when the transport plane hauling him home was hit after takeoff.

U.N. sources said the shots almost certainly came from Serb positions flanking the airport, which sits in noman's land between Muslimled Bosnian government and Serb armies. Some U.N. officials be-

lieve the incidents mark the opening gambit in a war of nerves over the peace plan.

"This series of attacks is the worst since the airport was opened to relief flights more than two years ago, and I think you would have to be naive not to see the potential link with the peace plans," said a U.N. official who asked not to be named.

"It seems someone wants to remind the world just how fragile the status quo is in Sarajevo and how easily the city can be cut off." Washington's special en-

voy Charles Redman indicated that the Bosnian Serbs' demands for further talks amounted to a delaying tactic because they were raising issues previously addressed by international mediators. 'The Serbs already know

what the constitutional principles are and what (onr posi-. tion is), on the question of Sarajevo," Mr. Redman told reporters in Mostar.
The peace plan, presented

on a "take it or leave it" hasis to the warring factions, splits the country in half hut preserves Bosnia's international borders. Bosnian Serbs have demanded their own state and part of Sarajevo.

Russia's foreign minister bas offered assurances that his country will support a plan to punish the Serbs for rejecting a settlement in Bosnia, Secretary of State War-

ren Christopber said Friday. Mr. Christopher called Foreigu Minister Andrei Kozvrev, who is in Bangkok, Thailand, for a meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations.

The call came against a backdrop of European coucern that Russia would ease off on pressuring the Bosnian Serbs because of its historic religious and ethnic ties to the Serbs.

A U.N. military spokesman said Serb and Muslimled forces clashed in north central Bosnia Friday and Saturday morning. The two armies traded heavy shelling attacks around Mount Ozren overnight near a coutested supply route, with 422 detonations recorded, the United Nations said.

A top U.N. official has condemned the Bosnian Serbs for new expulsions and harassment of non-Serbs in Serb-held parts of Bosnia, saying it violated human

Yasushi Akashi, U.N. special envoy to former Yugoslavia, said in a statement he was "dismayed to learn of continuing human rights violations in Serb-held areas of Bosnia."

In a statement released to Zagreh hy his office late oo Friday, Mr. Akashi said: "I strongly condemn the continuing violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by the Bosnian Serb authorities."

Mr. Akashi said the "disturbing report" he received listed several recent cases of expulsions and harassment against non-Serbs in northern and central Bosnia.

The United Nations reported that 139 Muslims, mostly women and children. were expelled from their homes in Bijeljina in northero Bosnia and forced to cross the confrontation line uear Muslim-held Tuzla last

# controversial human rights

The International Human Rights Law Group deplores

"In violation of interna-

"The harassment of a human rights conference by

governments have made no effort to distance themselves from Thailand's actions, and in some cases have expressed support," Mr. Rosenhium

of agreements to host it.

Participants discussed the human rights situation in the region, especially in Burma, a military dictatorship, and in East Timor, a former Portuguese colony that Indonesia invaded and annexed.

# Zaire closes Rwanda border; refugee conditions worsen

GOMA, Zaire (R) - Zairean troops kept the border with Rwanda closed Saturday, saying unexploded ammunition made it dangerous for Rwandan refugees to take the road home.

But the plight of hundreds of thousands of Rwandans thronging the teeming, disease-plagued camps io Zaire took yet another turn

A spokesman for the United Nations, which has told the refugees it is safe to return home and is urging them to leave, said there would be talks Saturday with Goma's governor, Christophe Moto Mapenda, oo reopening the

"Yesterday was worse than the day before, which was worse than the day before," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokesman Ray Wilkinson told reporters. "We're not able to stnp the epidemics, we're not able to deliver enough food, or enough water," he said.

Mr. Wilkinson said he did not know why the border was closed hut Mr. Mapenda has said he must consult the government in Kinshasa.

Refugees themselves were growing impatient to leave. "We are dying of disease aod hunger. I'm with 12 members of my family and two have died of dysentery," said one refugee waiting at the border which has been closed by Zairean soldiers who say it is unsafe because of piles of unexploded ammunition left on the road hy fleeiog Rwandan troops. "Everyone here wants to

Aid workers said several thousand corpses of Rwandan refugees killed by disease and exhaustion had been buried around the eastern Zaire town of Goma in the last few days.

go back," said another re-

"We're estimating around 5,000 bodies from the start have been huried in the town and the camps," Isabel Pardieu of Medecins Sans Fron- President Juvenal Hahyaritieres (Doctors Without Bor- mana. ders) said.

On Friday, the UNHCR said it was urging all refugees, who number 2.7 million outside Rwanda's borders, to return home because nf the chaos in the camps.

Several thousand mainly Huto refugees, among hordes who fled the mainly Tutsi Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) which has set up an interim government, waited to cross the border at Goma on Saturday.

"We have nothing to eat or drink bere. We do not want to die here also," one refugee

Local people suspect the defeated Hutu government which fled to Zaire with some 20,000 troops last week was trying to cut a deal with local authorities to keep the border closed and the refugees here as any army in exile.

Refugees said at least three people were killed by a grenade which exploded near the border post Saturday. Pools of blood could be seen on the road.

A host of diseases is spreading around the camps, including dysentery and measles. Ms. Pardieu said MSF bad recorded 1,780 cases of cholera alone with 350 deaths Friday. The worst site was at Munigi, a plain of volcanic rocks a few kilometres north of Goma, where 250 died out of 1,000 cases during the day.

Nobody knows how many of the one million refugees in Goma will want to return. But thousands are dying of cholera and other diseases in appalliog camp conditions.

Many Hutus are terrified of revenge at the hands of the RPF, which launched its war to overthrow the Hutu government to stop a genocidal campaign against their minority. An estimated 500,000 people died in the hloodlettiog which followed the April killing of Hutu

Aid workers said total confusion reigned among the sprawling masses of refugees, a million of whom fled to Goma 10 days ago, making it difficult to distribute food

even after it was flown into

the remote region. Some aid officials said before the delivery of food top prioritles were military-style ogistics and organisation of the camps, from the digging of 60,000 pit latrines to the supply of 30 million litres (6.5 million gallons) of clean wa-

ter daily. Others say the priority is to feed the refugees. "We have the population of Dublin sit-

ting around the countryside." said Kevin Noone of the Irish charity Goal. "We either have chaos and feed some of the people or nice order and feed nobody." Zairean authorities have

officially waived landing fees for humanitarian flights coming into Goma, hut aid officials said in reality bribes of up to \$3,000 were being paid for each plane.

Zairean soldiers rounnely rob refugees and anyone in a uniform seems to be on the look-out for hribes on the airport tarmac, at road checkpoints and immigration

UNHCR wrote to Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko Friday, asking him to do something about the corruption amongst his officials in Goma, aid workers who asked not to be named said.

Hutu Rwandan soldiers set up a road checkpoint demanding money from travellers north of Goma and aid workers had to negotiate with former Rwandan ministers over the hire of huses to ferry the sick and exbausted to the

The Hutu ministers and former army chief of staff, Major-General Augustin Bizimungu, are ensconced in expensive Goma hotels hut complain the international community is not doing enough to help the refugees

sleeping out in the open. The RPF says they are wanted to stand trial for playmg a leading role in the massacre of Tutsis and opposition Hutus. The U.N. says the perpetrators of the mass must be brought to justice.

U.S. team in Goma

A U.S. army reconnaissance team flew into Zaire's refugee bell Saturday promising to get the wheels of aid rolling as quickly as possible.

Twenty-five soldiers -Marines, army and air force
—landed at Goma Airport in a C-141 Starlifter and spokes-man Major Guy Shields said they would begin their logistics reconnaissance mission immediately.

They need not go far to discover the horrors of war, starvation and disease that is killing thousands of Rwandan refugees each day.

Just outside the airport razor wire refugees are collapsing in their own vomit and diarrhoea, dying within

hours of raging cholera.

As fast as the burial teams run by the French military, the charity Caritas and Goal can fill their lorries hundreds more bodies are laid out hy the roadside.

Mass graves have filled an area higger than a football pitch. The air is a smog of hlack, volcanic dust, white lime and the stench of death.

Tanzania recognised the new Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) government in Rwanda Saturday but said a broadbased government was still

needed to keep peace. Tanzanian President Al Hassan Mwinyi, in a separate statement, congratulated Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu, sworn in with the new government Tuesday, and wished him success in "searching for peace after the traumatic past,"

### Venezuela government aeties

congress

CARACAS (R) - Venezuela's crisis-bit government, defying a rebellious congress. Friday suspended key constitutional freedoms one day after legislators ordered them restored.

Justice Minister Ruben Creixems said the govern-ment was again lifting the right against arbitrary search or arrest, to travel freely, to hold private property and the protection against expropriation without proper reimhursement.

President Rafael Caldera first suspended these rights on June 27, arguing that his government needed the muscle to suppress speculation and subversion that were des-

But opposition parties banded together late Thursday to restore the guarantees, saying there was no evidence of a conspiracy against democracy and accusing the government of abusing its power subversives.

Friday's decree escalated the five-mooth-old administradon's first major clasb with an oppositiondominated congress that had until now been compliant with Mr. Caldera's policies. Mr. Caldera tried to calm the crisis in a live speech to

of powers," he said, adding that he was prepared to hold a referendum if necessary to prove that ordinary Venezuelans were on his side.

But Congress President Eduardo Gomez Tamayo, of Mr. Caldera's Convergence Movement, told local radio the decision "makes relations unnecessarily tenser" and urged immediate talks between legislators and the governmeot.

said the decree was "a challenge to congress, which has been sidelined by a government heading toward autocracy." In a radio call-in show on

Radio Caracas after Friday's announcement, most callers hacked Mr. Caldera's firm

# Mass graves found in Guatemala

 Police have discovered about 1,000 charred remains of men, women and children who apparently died in the civil war violence of the

vered in the region of Playa Grande, a remote area along about 160 kilometres north of the capital and about 20 kilometres south of the Mexican border, police said.

series of recent discoveries of graves of victims of the 34year civil war between leftist guerrillas and the govern-

Playa Grande reported the discovery hy telegram to the National Police Station in Coban, capital of Alta Verapaz province. There was no word about

who had killed the people or how the remains were huried, but the report said the remains were discovered in four separate locations. It was not clear whether all or only a few of the remains had. been exhumed.

The army conducted a scorched-earth campaign

early 1980s, when a large A local police station in proportion of the war's 120,000 victims died.

Each side accused the other of slaughteriog the largely Mayan Indian inhahitants of the area, but human rights groups and refugees said most of the attacks were carried out by troops who accused villagers of sym-

pathising with the rebels. The campaign was credited with breaking the rehel movement, but it cost many civilian lives. Tens of thousands of refugees fled to Mexico and many still remain against the rebels during the in camps along the border.

### Extremists demand blasphemy law as protests against Bangladeshi writer continue

DHAKA (Agencies) - Mus-lim fundamentalist and rightist groups have stepped up their pressure for a blasphemy law against strong opposition from progressive forces and have threatened to

convert mosques into courts. Moulana Mobiuddin Khan, leader of a 13-party Islamic alliance, reportedly said that the "infidels" were now scared, because if the hlasphemy law was enacted they would face the death

"If this law is not enacted (by parliament), the faithful will put the infidels on trial in all mosques," the rightwing daily Meillat quoted him Saturday as saying.

sentence.

Moulana Matiur Rahman Nizami, parliamentary leader of the fundamentalist Jammat-e-Islami party told AFP Saturday that "we tabled a bill for blasphemy law in 1993 in the parliament, but then deferred it" at the request of the ruling party.

"It is now a property of the house," he said, adding the bill "processed by relevant ministries seeks to amend the two-year jail term for burting religious sentiments under existing laws to life imprisonment.

Mr. Nizami called on his party supporters to turn mosques into forts of Islamic movement. But progressive forces, in-

cluding cultural activists and some leftwing politicians have strongly opposed the move saying the extremists would take the country back to the dark ages hy forcing the government to enact the law which would deprive writers, artists and journalists of their freedom of expression. The government has said

current laws are sufficient to deal with such issues and there was no need for a blasphemy law. The issue came into the

spotlight after the authorities issued an arrest warrant in June against Bangladeshi feminist writer Taslima Nasreen for commenting in a newspaper that Islam's holy book, the Koran, be revised. She has denied making the comment, saying she was misquoted.

Dr. Nasreen, 32, went into hiding hours before the warrant was issued under the existing law which provides punishment for upsetting the sensitivities of any religious

Leading artist Shamim Shikder in an open letter to Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia appealed for her tn lift the ban on Nasreen's controversial book "Lajja' or Shame as well as withdraw the arrest warrant.

She appealed to Mrs. Zia to uphold the flag of secularism "to maintain political harmony, social peace and progress.

Khalequzzaman of the Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Socialist Party) said the Koran does not say anything about a blasphemy law and that the fundamentalists were using the issue to strengthen their hase.

"Pakistan has such a law, which has been criticised worldwide," he said.

Celebrated poet Shamsur Rahman added "the law was a blueprint for those extremists to seize power and choke of Dr. Nasrin. the freedom of writers, artists and journalists."

a "grand rally," on July 29 hut he was not hurt.

and have warned India and the West that they will launch a "jihad" or holy war against them because of their support

for Dr. Nasreen. They have also warned the government of "dire consequences" if the writer is allowed to leave Bangladesh. hut Works Minister Rafigul Islam Mia bas said Mr. Nasreen will be allowed to go abroad like any other Bangladeshi once the government case against her has been

Dr. Nasreen would have to appear before a preliminary hearing first, which would then decide if a full trial was

warranted. She has reportedly sought asylum in the United States. which along with Amnesty International and the European Union, has urged the government to ensure her safety and expressed concern about death threats against

The editor of a newspaper that has criticised Islamic fundamentalists for seeking the death of the feminist author escaped unharmed after a homh attack, police said Saturday.

No one claimed responsihility for Friday night's bombing at Kazi Shahed Ahmad's house in Dhaka's Dhanmandi district.

Mr. Ahmad is editor of the Bengali language daily Ajker Kagaz, which has published reports and editorials condemning Muslim extremists who have called for the death

Police said uuknown assailants hurled a crude Muslim fundamentalist bomh at Mr. Ahmad's house groups are scheduled to hold as he returned from work,

#### BANGKOK (Agencies) -Six Sooth-East Asian countries agreed Saturday to adopt a more forceful role on

security and conperation, and said they were ready to accept the membership of Communist Vietnam into the ASEAN group. The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) closed two days of annual ministerial talks with a clear message that its

booming economies could be a joint force for long-term regional peace and stability. The first step towards that goal is Monday's inaugural 18-nation meeting of the so-called ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) bringing together ASEAN and big powers like the United States

and China. It will focus on

security issues. "The foreign ministers noted and welcomed ASEAN's increasingly central role in fostering political and security cooperation in South-East Asia and the Asia-Pacific," the ASEAN ministers said in a communi-

que after their talks. The meeting of ASEAN, which groups Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Brunei, this year saw the first-ever attendance of South-East Asia's other four countries - Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Burma.

ters) hoped that relations of ASEAN with the four other South East Asian states would further intensify, and teiterated their commitment to huilding a South-East Asian community through common membership in ASEAN," the communique

The ministers said they

ASEAN to strengthen security role, admit Vietnam were ready to admit Vietnam hut gave no details on how or when it would happen. They said senior officials would now start working on details.

The target date for Hanoi's membership was widely expected to be formalised by the ASEAN leaders' summit io the second half of next year in Thailand, conference sources said. "There is no sticking point

involved. The main question

is what are the procedures,

this is a new process taking place... No-one has really worked this out before," a senior ASEAN diplomat Both Vietnam and Laos have full observer status at ASEAN meetings while Bur-

ma and Camhodia were atteoding this year as invited The foreign ministers also reiterated ASEAN support for the elected government of Cambodia but said they were concerned about continued

internal strife. ASEAN was instrumental in hrokering a peace for Cambodia which many see as a successful test of the grouping's future role as security

policeman. But the Khmer Rouge opted out of the peace process, refusing to recognise the results of the 1993 poll and earlier this year stepped up its guerrilla war against the Phnom Penh government.

One major security issue at

the two-day talks, and one

certain to dominate the one-

day ARF meeting, was the

long-running dispute over the

oil-ricb Spratly Island chain. Six natious, including ASEAN members Brunei, Malaysia and the Philippines,

claim all or part of the islands in the South China Sea. The others are China, Taiwan and Vietnam. China's Foreign Minister

Qian Qichen actively pursued bilateral talks on the potendal flasbpoint during his attendance at this week's ASEAN talks. His spokesman said all protagonists were agreed that

the problems could be re-solved without conflict. They (the foreing ministers) were convinced that, given the political will and spirit of cooperation of all states concerned, peace and stability in the region could be significantly enhanced," the communique said.

Philippines Foreign Minis-

ter Roberto Romulo told re-

porters Saturday that ASEAN and China bad agreed to set up regular meetings at a senior official level to discuss political and security issues. The association Saturday condemned their former ally,

the Khmer Rouge guerrillas,

for upsetting the peace

ASEAN had patiently nurtured in war-torn Cambodia. The Foreign Minsters, putting the finishing touches on a communique to cap their annual two-day meeting, expressed support for the elected government of Cambodia and concern about instability in that country.

They denounced a recent

abortive coup d'etat in

Phnom Penh as well as

Khmer Rouge decision to set

up a provisional government

in guerrilla-held territory in northern Cambodia, in the vicinity of Preah Vihear. Meanwhile. Washingtonbased rights group on Saturday criticised the Thai government for its - harassseminar here.

recent actions by the Royal Government of Thailand to disrupt a conference on human rights attended by mem-bers of South East Asian buman rights orgaisations," the group said in a statement sent to AFP.

tionally recognised rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly." the Thai government threatened to arrest conference participants, used intimidation tactics to gain information on participants, deployed police outside the meetings, and warned Bangkok hotels not to host the seminar, it said.

Thai authorities is especially unfortunate since Thailand has been at the forefront of free expression in the region," group director Peter Rosenhlum said. "Regrettably, the ASEAN

The regional seminar hegan Wednesday in a home for women on the edge of Bangkok after state-run Chulalongkorn University and a downtown hotel backed out

> "I am happy with this. President Caldera has shown that he is powerful," one caller, Cesar Jimenez, said. I

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) ment.

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Legislator Hector Alonso Lopez, of the opposition Democratic Action Party,

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### Avert a Goma in Yemen

REPORTS FROM the southern Yemeni city of Aden speak of spreading cholera cases against the hackdrop of scarcity of water and contamination in the water available to the city's nearly 400,000 residents. Water pumps and pipelines are damaged and relief agencies face chaos whenever they attempt to distribute water in an organised manner. Adding to the problems is the overall security situation, which prompted the mayor of the city to maintain checkpoints at the entrances to the city for another week.

In fact, insecurity is the main problem facing Aden, impeding international relief efforts to contain the situation. We cannot expect voluntary workers to be experts in crowd control and organised distribution of relief to hundreds of thousands, particularly when it comes to water. Nor are the numerous relief agencies in Yemen equipped to meet the needs of the entire city.

The irony of Aden is that international relief agencies and non-governmental organisations have been issuing repeated warnings against the dangers of epidemics spreading in the city unless order was restored and the international community stepped in with aid. The prophesies of the relief agencies are slowly coming true.

No doubt, there is no shortage of goodwill, but what we need is also the material support to prop np relief work in Yemen. Political considerations may dissuade the country's rich neighbours to step in with help. History will judge their action, but we in Jordan can and should help our Yemeni brethren by taking the initiative to extend all assistance we can.

The situation in Aden may pale in comparison with the vivid television footage in Rwandans refugees from Goma, on the Rwandan-Zairean border, prompting cynics to raise eyebrows and isseri that the muman tragedy that beten th Rwandans is of a much grave magnitude. Indeed it is, but the difference for us in Jordan is that we could do something to helpYemen if only because of the proximity of that country to our's, while our assistance to the Rwandans would only be far too delayed and at best a drop in the hncket.

Although that does not mean that we should stay away from extending help to the Africans, the significant reality in Yemen is that the situation could be contained in a relatively shorter period and Aden could be spared a reenactment of the Rwandan scene if we were to adopt immediate and urgent efforts to move with medical belp for the Yemeni people.

We in Jordan have always set an example for the rest of the Arab World in our willingness to extend sincere help to stricken people eveywhere despite our limited material resources. We do have several medical teams at work in Yemen and we are also treating Yemenis in our hospitals and other facilities.

But, we do have a vast human potential in terms of qualified medical staff who could respond swiftly to the emergency in Aden and other towns in Yemen where the situation could turn worse if left unaddressed.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

MAHMOUD RIMAWI, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said that the so called Arab-Israeli normalisation would not see the light under the prevailing circumstances and as long as the Israelis hold on to the occupied Arab lands and their aggressive policies. I rulely believe that normalisation would not materialise, not with Jordan alone but also with the other Arab parties; simply because it is rejected by the Israelis themselves, said the writer. He said the Israelis do with the establish normal relations with the people of this region, they do not want to withdraw from the Golan. South Lebanon and Palestine and have not yet expressed any intention of giving up occupied Jordanian land. And above all, he said, they refuse to give up the idea of building Jewish settlements on Arab-owned lands.

Fifteen years ago, the Israelis established diplomatic relations with Egypt but to date no real normalisation between the two states either at the official or popular level has materialised, said the writer. He said that normalisation was not forthcoming simply because the Arab people realise that Israel is their number one enemy as it continues to usurp their lands and rights and refuses to recognise the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination on their own soil, added the writer. He said that it is Israel which has chosen to remain the enemy of the Arab Nation.

Mohammad Kawash, a columnist in Al Dustour, said the Arabs are not concerned whether U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has achieved any progress on the Israeli-Syrian track or not. What concerns us, he said, is to see a comprehensive peace that ensures Israel's complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights. is Israel is really oriented towards peace with the Arabs, it has no alternative but to implement all U.N. Security Council resolutions. said the writer. Withdrawal is not subject to compromises and discussions, and Israel has 10 shoulder the responsibility of removing the Jewish settlements built on the Syrian beights. stressed the writer. The Rabin government has to face the moment of truth and to realise that Syria would never allow Israel to make gains at Syrian expense, he added. It should be noted, said the riter, that the current events in the occupied Arab territories and

real's procrastinations over the implementation of agreements provide evidence that Israel has no credibility and continues to stall and play for time. It is this attitude, said the writer, that forces Damascus to cling to its principled stands and demand total Israeli-withdrawal from all the occupied Syrian territories. Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

# Multiple challenges facing Jordan

MAJOR CHALLENGES face Jordan at the same time, but nothing to worry. Jordan has an excellent record in overcoming difficulties, weathering crises, and at times converting them into opportunities.

Jordan now faces many political, economic, and social challenges, and has some worrying imhalances to tackle in the coming years. The advent of peace, itself a challenge, will alter the landscape and perhaps call for new

Political challenges include upgrading democracy and accepting pluralism as a way of life. The peace process and the sensitive Jordanian-Palestinian relationship are but some other examples of political challenges that the Jordanian people have to resolve.

On the economic front, Jordan has to deal with the basic problem of economic growth, to cope with the growth of population. It has to find a satisfactory solution, once and for all, to the problem of external beavy indebtedness and get ready for the new rules of the game when Arab economie boycott of Israel is lifted after 45 years, which used to put Israel outside the Middle East region from a trade point of view.

On the social front, Jordan has to combat poverty, which includes some 18 per cent of the people, create jobs for the unemployed, currently estimated at 14 per cent of the workforce, develop safety nets and better means for fair distribution of income among individuals and areas.

Among the imbalances that Jordan must face are the

imbalance between population and meager natural re-

sources, the acute shortage of water resources, and the limited sources and applications of foreign exchange. It is hoped that the huge and risky decision by Jordan to think the unthinkable and go ahead and make peace with Israel, recognise its June 4, 1967 borders, and normalise political and economic relations will carry some rewards in

terms of security, stability and tangible economic benefits. As far as the economy is concerned, the Jordanian people are made to expect a flow of foreign aid to finance levelopment, a substantial reduction or write-off of foreign debt, a fair share of the common water of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers, a channel to connect the Red Sea with the Dead Sea to save the environment and generate electricity

and a preferential treatment to help Jordan enter the

markets of Europe and the United States. Jordan also expects to have full access to the market of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and put an end to the treament of the West Bank and Gaza as a captured market

The gradual easing of sanctions against Iraq is particularly crucial, not only because the economic relations with Iraq are very important for the wellbeing of the Jordanian economy, but also because normalisation of economie relations with Israel is not politically or morally acceptable before the normalisation of economic relations with Iraq.

To avoid disappointment later on, Jordanian leadership should not settle for vague promises. We should know exactly what to expect, and plan on clear promises being



# The mask of confidence worn by Arafat seems to be slipping

By Robert Fisk

TWO DAYS after his first return to Gaza, Yasser Arafat was walking down the staircase of the Palestine Hotel in Gaza City when he saw a group of Israeli journalists waiting for him on the first floor. "It's a trap," he hissed to his astonished economics adviser. "They have come to ask me had ques-

The PLO official gently told his chairman that as "President" of Palestine, he must talk to the Israelis. "But they will want to take a photograph of me with them that will be used by our ene-mies here," Mr. Arafat mnttered. They will ask ques-tions about our problems to embarrass me.

Grudgingly. Mr. Arafat agreed to say a few words, but the episode revealed the suspicion and fear the PLO leader has tried to conceal from his supporters. Even to them, the mask of confidence has occasionally slipped. Addressing Palestinians in the Jabaliya refugee camp, he admitted for the first time that the PLO-Israeli declaration of principles — for which he had thanked President Clinton three times in front of the world's TV cameras was, after all, not quite what it was cracked up to be.
"Let's talk frankly," he

said in a passage that went largely nnreported. "The agreement we have made is not to our taste. But it is the best we have when we are facing the worst Arah pre-dicament."

Despite the hoopla and the reports of a "triumphal" homecoming, therefore, Mr. Arafat was back doing what he knows best: making the best of a very bad job — in this case, a deeply-flawed. agreement that has left almost 2 million Palestinians rotting in the refugee camps of Lehanon, Syria and Jordan, and in the eyes of his critics, has legitimised Israel's occupation over the rest of the West Bank.

Despite the Jewish settlements built across the West Bank, Mr. Arafat accepted without demur the suggestion of Warren Christopher, the U.S. secretary of state, that

Israeli-occupied territories should henceforth be referred to as "disputed" — as if the Israelis might have some valid territorial claim to these Palestinian lands — preferring instead to boast to his colleagues of the postage stamps and passports that Palestinians might soon be able to purchase.

Mr. Arafat pleaded his poverty to the world, claiming that the Americans had given him only \$5m to pay his, 9,000-strong police force, neglecting to mention that neglecting to mention that the Israeli economy, so heavily under-written by the United States, is subsidising the Israeli army's redeployment within Gaza to the tune of \$148m, a figure issued by the Israeli army itself.

doms. The selection of mem-bers of the self-rule authority and of Palestinian police officers, he says, "depended mainly on political and per-sonal loyalties rather than on efficiency."

And within a week of Mr.

Arafat's arrival in Gaza, a
phenomenon long familiar to

those who endured the PLO's militia rule in Lehanon appeared in the city. Farid Jabu, a 28-year-old taxi driv-er accused of "collaboration" with Israel, died — officially of a mysterions "heart attack" - in PLO custody in Gaza City; but his family said that when his body was returned to them, it bore the marks of severe beatings. How soon, Mr. Arafat's opponents are asking, before

"Mr. Arafat's award of a UNESCO peace prize contained ironies that were not lost on his critics. He accepted the prize from Henry Kissinger, who did more than almost any other politician to isolate the PLO's voice in the seventies."

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There will be no such architectural monstrosities in Mr. Arafat's Palestinian boroughs, but the smell of political corruption has been noticed. Haidar Abdul Shafi, the incorruptible Palestinian nationalist who led the original delegation to the Washington peace talks but who refused to accept a seat on Mr. Arafat's "National Authority", says that democratic rule cannot be guaranteed in Mr. Arafat's new fief-

Mr. Arafat talks about democracy and free debate: but one of his first public

man to run the "self-rule"

areas. For instance, General

members of the Democratic Front or the Popular Front or Hamas or Islamic Jihad end up dead in the PLO's police stations?

steps was to open a Palestinian radio station on 702 metres — the same wavelength used by his Palestinian opponents to transmit their "Voice of Palestine" hroadcasts from Damascus. Thus the president who complains about the "Arah predicament" began by jamming the words of his Palestinian antagonists. Shocked by the stench and decay in Gaza City — a frightening contrast to the clean boulevards and smart apartments of his former Tunis home — Mr. Arafat is now hearing disturbing rumours that the Israeli army would prefer someone less bombastic, more intelligent, a profoundly tragic figure. than the present PLO chair-

Danny Rothschild, bead of Israeli military administra-tion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, has been telling colleagues that some Palesti-nian officials who work for Mr. Arafat are much hrighter than their leader, more efficient, easier to get along with. At best, this means the Israelis acknowledge that at least some PLO officials can run an administration. At worst, it means that Mr. Arafat — having signed, scaled and delivered his side of the bargain — is now disposable. Perhaps Mr. Arafat may be

forgiven for thinking that the initial smack of firm government will impress his own fractured population. But while his "mukhabarat" intelligence men cruise the streets of Gaza, it is the Israelis who are proposing new rules. In the Israelis press, government officials have suggested Mr. Arafat may achieve a quicker Israeli military "redeployment" in the rest of the West Bank if he chooses not to argue about the civilian powers of the elected Palestinian Council. The elections themselves might be shelved, these same officials are indicating, while Hehron — the most curfewed city in the West Bank might remain under permanent Israeli military control. "There would be different rules for Hehron," one Israeli official said.

Perhaps Mr. Arafat was right to sense a political ambush when he walked down the hotel staircase, but it was not the journalists who represented the trap. Locked into what he now accepts was a bad agreement, he has to live with the consequences. To maintain Israeli goodwill, he will have to make further concessions to Israel - which will help to destroy his own power. To lose Israeli goodwill will postpone any further Israeli redeployment — let alone withdrawal — indefinitely. In either case. Israelis as well as Palestinians will bleed if the intifada resumes. And as the days go by, Mr. Arafar, rather than a revolutionary hero building a nation, is likely to emerge as

# Children of Iraq suffer, medical supplies dwindle

By Victoria Brittain

A SERIOUS deterioration in the health of children in Iraq. with supplies of drugs at a far lower level than after the Gulf war, has been reported by a medical charity working in the country. Kwashiorkor, rickets and malnutrition are now common problems, leukemia is increasing rapidly, and the death rate among child cancer victims has dou-

Hospitals are struggling to manage without antiseptics, incubators, anaesthetics, needles, antibiotics and drugs of all kinds, according to a re-port hy Medical Aid for Iraq (MAI) whose doctors and nurses have taken convoys of medicines and basic equipment into Iraq nine times in the past three years.

Medical aid is supposed to

be exempt from the sanctions imposed by the United Nations after the Gulf war. However, aid agencies have complained of considerable practical difficulties in ensuring supplies.

In five hospitals in Bagh-dad and six outside, MAI reported shortages of medi-cines for children with chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma and epilepsy. Children with cancer are being given half dosages of drugs. Intravenous drugs and fluids are especially scarce, and antihiotics are being given in half measures. Sick children are fed on bread and tea, and there is a shortage of milk powder for babies.

Against a background of sharply rising inflation, salaries, even of the most skilled people such as university professors or hospital consultants, do not provide a decent living. For instance, a senior doctor earns 23 dinars a day. One egg costs 10 dinars and a kilo of meat 300 dinars. The monthly rations supplied by

the government last a family less than two weeks. They include rice and flour, but no proteins. The milk allowance for children under 12 months is half the required amount.

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Malnourished women are giving hirth to smaller, weaker babies, and their reduced immunity means that they are more prone to common infec-

The MAI team reported a particularly sharp deteriora-tion in Baghdad itself, where stores of medical supplies laid down before the Gulf war are now exhausted. Twenty-five per cent of the population live in the capital.

In the hospitals, wards are dirty because there are no disinfectants or eleaning finids. Cholera and typhoid are rampant because of the lack of spare parts to repair water-processing plants. Chlorine for water purification is in very short supply. And the drinking of unpasteurised milk is causing many cases of hrucellosis.

In the Kerbala children's hospital 60 miles south of Baghdad, there was a severe shortage of nurses, due mainly to transport problems, said the report. The neonatal unit was virtually empty as there were no drugs for sick habies. No aid group had delivered medicines to this hospital for six months before the MAI team arrived.

An even more serious dramatic situation was found hy the team at Diwaniya children's hospital, 110 miles south of Baghdad, which serves 800,000 people and has 100 paediatric beds and 140 beds for women. Chil-, dren were found sleeping on the floor because of the lack of beds, and the hospital is receiving only 5 per cent of the medicines needed each

The Guardian

### Child victims of sanctions

The following letters appeared in The Guardian July 15, 1994, issue in response to the above article. LAST November, I visited the Al Amariya Primary School in Baghdad. The school is next to "civil de-

fence shelter number 25". where about 1,100 women and children were hurned to death when the allies bombed the shelter in February 1991. The headmistress told me

how, for months after the bombing, her pupils would run away from school and stand waiting hy the shelter for the friends and relatives they had lost to reappear.
This story is typical. A

UNICEF study last year found that the war continues to "overwhelm, dominate and disturh" the thinking of many Iraqi children; 62 per cent of those interviewed did not believe they would survive to adulthood.

It is this traumatised child population who, as Kais Al Kaisy writes bear the hrunt of the U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Destitute and orphaned children hegging on the streets are now a common sight and poverty is forcing increasing numbers out of school and into the labour market. Government rations provide less than two thirds of the daily energy require-ment and lack protein and micro nutrients vital for healthy development. This state of chronic nutritional deficiency leaves children more susceptible to disease, which must often go untreated because of medicine shortages. Yet speculation about the

causes and effects of "Desert Storm Syndrome" does not extend to Iraq's young population, although oil wells and refineries throughout Iraq were bombed, along with pesticide factories, chemical weapons plants and at least three nuclear reactors - one of which, only 15 miles from Baghdad, was reduced to rubble; and there is yet to be a headline about "sugar haby syndrome", a name invented by Iraqi doctors to describe the bloated edemic habies of mothers who, too malnourished to breastfeed, have nothing to feed their children hut sugar and tea. In 1990, the year the block-

ade started, Britain ratified the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which, reaffirms that children becanse of their vulnerability, need special care and protection". For the children of Iraq, there is still no sanctuary. The economically The Independent price paid by Iraq for a cease-

terms imposed on Germany after the first world war often cited as a contributory factor to the helligerent Nationelism that was to follow.

History should teach us that the brutalisation of 10 million Iraqi children in the name of the U.N. will not help "save succeeding generations from the scourge of

> Miriam Ryle, Lowes, E. Sussex.

Recent correspondence has highlighted the arguably unprecedented plight of the Iraqi people, especially the young, the sick and the frail, resulting from the U.N.

embargo.

M Al-Chalahi mentions the derisory \$1.6 hillion worth of oil which Iraq is able to sell hut out of which has also to pay reparation to Kuwait, settle with the U.N. inspectorate and provide for the restructure of a country with a population of 20 million bombed hack to the dark ages." In context, this is precisely the sum which has been estimated for the rehailding of the quarter square mile of the City of London blown up

hy the IRA last year. Speaking on the BBC World Service (July 13), the Argentinian Amhassador to the Sanctions Committee, talking of Haiti, alarmingly echoed his U.S. colleague. Madeline Alhright, and ex-pounded on the valuable (and cheap) weapons which sanctions have become. He pointed out that it could take some time for the leadership of a targeted country to be affected and cited 20 years, as in the case of South Africa.

His feeling was that if 20 years had lo pass, so be it.
Recently, UNICEF has placed on the Internet the full text of the Rights of the Child, the Goals for Children to the year 2000, adopted by the World's Summit for Children of 1990, and also the Progress of Nations and the Plan of Action and other relevant documents.

Are the Children of Haiti, Libya, Cuha, Serhia and Iraq to be excluded from these laudable aims?

Given my knowledge of the apocalyptic conditions of health and malnutrition in Iraq, hy the year 2000 the entire child population will be decimated if this is to be the case. Victims of the "collateral damage" of sanctions genocide by default.

> Felicity Arbuthnot, London E9.

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# Kim Jong-Il faces big problems at N. Korea helm

Reuter

SEOUL - North Korea's Kim Jong-Il appears on course for Communism's first dynastic succession, but academics and other analysts believe he faces enormous problems consolidating his power long-

They said the fallout ou North Korea from the death of its founding father Kim Il-sung last week could be as a great as that after Mao Tse Tung's death in China in 1976 or Stalin's in Russia in 1953.

All-encompassing was Kim Il-Sung's 49-year-rule that few analysts will absolutely rule out a power struggle between reformists and hardliners, or even a shuddering disintegration of the political system as seen in Eastern Enrope and the Soviet Union.

From an international perspective this is all the more alarming given North Korea's suspected development of nuclear weapons, an issue which has pitted it against the United States and most of the rest of the

"Kim fl-Sung's death may just be the first in a series of dominoes which ultimately mean calling into question the very existence of North Korea as a separate state," North-Korea expert Aidan Foster-Carter wrote in the London fndepeudent on

Mouday.

Now that he is gone there is uo guarantee that the state be created in his own image can outlive him

for long."
Kim Il-Sung was North
Korea's undisputed master
who commanded absolute loyalty from his subjects, but he bequeathed enormous problems to his successors.

.By all accounts the economy is in a very serious crisis stemming from the collapse of North Korea's creator and ally, the Soviet Union. In recent years there have been persistent reports of food and other

shortages. Recovery requires massive foreign investment. but that cannot be secured until the nuclear crisis with the West is resolved and

'There are two very different types of people he has got to keep happy — the old guard revolutionaries and people of his own generation who want to see the country develop economically. Any upsetting of the apple cart either to make things more or less rigid is going to

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Kim Joug-Il is helped by the fact that he has been groomed to succeed his father for more than two decades and has been backed by a similarly massive. personality cult.

But he appears to lack the charisma of his father and has been portrayed by Western intelligence services as brutal and mentallay unstable, a playboy who

By David Brunnstrom masterminded terrorist attacks.

Some independent analysts now question this assessment, but the obsessively secretive nature of the Pyongyang leadership makes it virtually impossible to find accurate information.

Scoul-hased North Korea analyst Michael Breen believes Kim Jong-Il may be a supporter of economic reform and establishing better relations with the West, but says he runs the risk of alienating hardliners if he takes that path. 'There are two very

#### Kim Jong-II

different types of people he has got to keep happy --the old guard revolutionaries who fought the Japanese and in the Korean war, and people of his own generation who want to se. the country develop economically," he said in an interview.

Either way he faces problems, David Steinherg, Korea studies professor at Georgetown University in the United States, said in a telephone interview.

"Any apsetting of the apple cart either to make things more or less rigid is going to be dangerous for him," he said.

Mr. Foster-Carter said Kim Jong-Il also had to worry about possible chal-lenges to his power from his own family, including his uncle Kim Yong-Jn, who staged a dramatic political comeback last year, and his half-brother Kim Pyong-II.

"What he has to try to do is to broaden his power hase with the hardliners or with the reformists," Keith Howard, head of Korean studies at London's School of Oriental and African Studies, said in a telephone interview.

"He's also going to have to be very careful about the generals - they may very well try to stage a coup if they see things going in way they don't like," he said. this system can go ou inde-finitely," Mr. Howard said.

There must always be a danger of collapse."
"If you look at what happened in Eastern Europe, you can see that all it takes is a small catalyst to start

something happening."
But so far at least, it appears all is going to plan for Kim Joug-II.

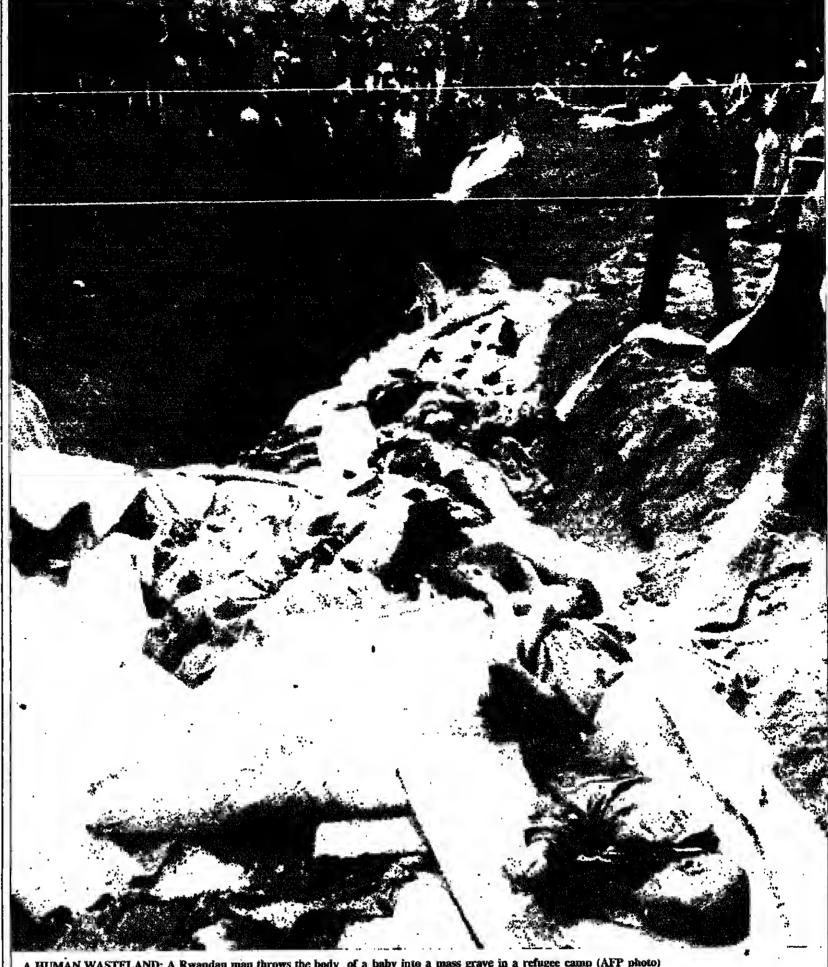
On Tuesday night, Pyon-gyang radio declared that he was "at the top belm of the party, state and military," according to Naewoe Press, a semi-official news agency in South Korea which monitors northern

media. These are the three crucial sectors Kim Jong-II must secure to ensure his power hase against auy challenge, the analysts

Said.
The indications are all there that he is going to be declared president and party general secretary within few days," Mr. Breen

Whether he survives is another matter. "Kim Il-Sung had a very special aura," Mr. Steiuberg said. "The question is whether that aura can be

taken over by Kim Joug-II. "f think no. Therefore f would argue that in the future we could see a resurgence of factionalism in



A HUMAN WASTELAND: A Rwandan man throws the body of a baby into a mass grave in a refugee camp (AFP pi

# Days of dread in Rwanda's refugee camps

By Panl Alexander The Associated Press

GOMA, Zaire - Volcaric. dust and cookfire smoke cover the scenes of horror at the Zaire-Rwanda bor-der. Amid the suffocating smog are endless scenes of panicked people, of corpses and people dying.

For five days, a torturous exodus from Rwanda brought more than 1 million Rwaudan refugees to Goma, Zaire. They now face hunger, thirst and death by disease in crowded camps, with aid only now starting to arrive.

The pitiful, makeshift camps have uo santitation and little food. Cholera is breaking ont. The refugees drink bad water because the 50 tanker trucks needed to pump f0,000 or more liters each from Lake Kivu for chlorinatiou aren't here. The refugee horde needs a minimum of 5 million liters (f.3 milliou gallons) of water a day. As of Wednesday, almost exactly seven days after the mass migration started, there were only enough trucks for

160,000 liters (41,600 gal-

Many will die of dehydra-tion. Others may starve. The airport is overtaxed. There is chaos and crime.

Soldiers rob refugees of their few possessions. f was robbed by Zairian soldiers. who fired six times in the air to coerce my cooperation.

One man said f should be shot because I was an American and somehow at fault for not preventing the whole crisis.

The refugees arrived suddenly in Goma. Journalists and aid workers found the first refugees wandering in on Wednesday. July f3. Some soon settled down in the main traffic circle, Republic square, unsure where to head uext. When the traffic circle was nearly full, people settled in the next traffic cricle.

A group of journalists beaded for the border, usually a 10-minute walk. But it was like swimming against the tide. Thousands were crossing by the hour. The border gate was closed. But people were being allowed around the sides.

They were being frisked. and any weapons were being confiscated. The piles of machetes soon reached the thousands. On the other side of the border, stretching back from the intersection of Independeuce and Republic venues, were people on foot and a line of over-

loaded vehicles as far as the eye could see. As the day went on, the magnitude of the flood grew. Maybe 250,000 or more people arrived by mightfall.

### **Eyewitness report**

Finally, the border gates were thrown down, and the flood widened. Disarmament efforts became more and more cursory. By midday Friday, the

line of refugees extended 25 kilometres into Rwanda. There were reports of Rwandan soldiers drinking heavily, looting stores, robbing refugees and firing in the air as they retreated from rebel forces near the border.

The shooting continued into the night. In the morning, the refugees who had crossed told of being rob-bed by Zairian soldiers.

The flood seemed to case a little Saturday. The estimates of the refugees arriving in Zaire varied from 250,000 to well over 600,000. Many more people

were still lining np.
They grahhed every metres of land. Some fields were so densely populated that it was impossible to lie down. People slept standing up. The acrid smoke of the cookfires filled the air.

Ou Sunday, a day when the rebel forces moved into the Rwandan town of Gisenyi just across the border we heard mortar fire throughout the day, steadily growing closer.
The flood of refugees in-

creased. People with panic on their faces sought refuge and were joined by government troops. We later heard that maybe 300,000 or more people crossed that

As I drove to the airport Sunday, four Zairian soldiers flagged me down at gunpoint. One of them fired in the air. They yelled through the half-opened window; "dollars dollars" a shot in the air. I gave them \$20. They

wanted more. More shots.

They took my waller. Fifty metres later, another soldier flagged me down at gnnpoint. He motioned I would give him a ride. f drove back to our

hotel and he hopped out, offering a "merei offering a beaucoup. On Monday, a group of

journalists drove back to the border. We saw bodies from stampedes that had killed from 30 to 50 refugees, mostly children. Belongings that had been dropped in terror lay scattered. Survivors picked through the debris. Some of the injured lay waiting for help, suffering in near si-

No one but soldiers were at the crossing. The border gates were gone, torn away. But only a handful of peo-pie crossed. It was eerily quiet after the previous four days of chaos. The only sounds were the soldiers clearing the chambers of

guns stacked in huge piles. The ripped bodies of mortar victims lay near the border, along with other stampede victims.

The flood of refugees was over, but the misery was just starting.

# **West Bank** children frolic at camp in Israel

By Brian Bergstein Reuter

ASHKELON, Israel — In an Israeli national park just outside this seaside town, four Palestinian girls from the West Bank begin to dance as one of counsellors at Mukhayam Al Atfal Camp plays Arabic music on a keyboard.

They have no chance to live like that — free, at the sea, to play, to do whatever they want," said Manal Tufa-hak; a 30-year-old social worker from the West Bank town of Nahlus, long a focus of Palestinian resistance to Israeli occupation.

Ms. Tufahak, known as the mother of the camp, and about 25 other social workers employed hy Israel operate Mukhayam Al Atfal.

She said Palestinian parents sometimes flinch ut the idea of their children at a camp in Israel, but are reassured by the composition of the staff.

Although Israel picks up the \$200,000 cheque for running the camp, the campers and counsellors are Palestinians.

"We tell them that we live with them and we take care of them," said Ms. Tufahak. 'And when the kids go home and tell their pareuts about it, they're not worried that the camp is in fsrael."

About f80 West Bank children aged eight to 11, whose families use Israeli social welfare services, swim, dance, play sports and learn arts and crafts there each week.

Eli Tzur, coordinator of welfare in the occupied territories, said the camp also hosts blind and mentally retarded Palestinian children and youngsters from south-ern Lebanon during other one-week sessions.

The camp has existed for about 15 years, first in other cities in Israel. Unlike those at most summer camps, the children at Mukhayam Al Atfal are poor or orphaned.

"This is a certain continuation of 'our activities with their families," Mr. Tzur said, "I'm sorry f could not bring 5,000 children here from the West Bank. The problem is we don't have enough time and space to

bring enough children."
Arish Mustafa, 11, said that although she misses ber family in Jenin, West Bank, she enjoys swimming in the Mediterranean Sea, which she never saw until last year when she came to Mukhayam Al Atfal.

The camp sits fenced off from the test of southern Israel's Ashkelon National Park, a bare f0-minute drive from the Gaza Strip. Children eat, sleep and play inside the camp and travel past ancient ruins on their short walk to the beach.

Before the Palestinian iutifada, or uprising, began in the occupied lands in f987, Israeli childrén from Ashkelon used to spend a day with the Palestinians at the camp, Mr. Tzur said.

Attendance dropped durmg the intifada, when mostly disabled and blind children took part.

Since then, numbers are up, but this could be the last year most children come to the camp. Children from the self-rule

areas of Gaza and Jericho no longer attend because the Isracli-PLO peace deal ended Israeli social services there. Among topics at a fresh round of Israeli-PLO talks is 'early empowerment,' which would extend Palestinian administration of services in the West Bank beyond the modest Jericho euclave.

Mr. Tzur said the Palestinian authority, the administrtive body in the self-rule zones, would run its own summer camps.

But if the children still wanted to come to Mukhayam Al Atfal, he would find private funding if necessary, he added.

Ms. Tufahak hopes the next round of negotiations between the PLO and Israel changes the make-up of the

campers. "We hope next year, if there is peace, we've talked about making the camp for Palestinian and Israeli kids," she said. "Why uot? We must

#### Mixed-marriage ban call highlights Muslim fears for the future also said he feared European all means are being used to "If someone comes to

By Francis Curta Agence France-Presse

SARAJEVO - A call by a Bosnian Muslim leader for mixed marriages to be outlawed is highlighting fears Muslims have for their very survival in a disintegrating

Of the 4.3 million people fiving in Bosnia-Herzegovina before the war, some 31 per cent were Serh, f7 per cent Croat and 43 per cent Sunni Muslim. Mixed marriages accounted for 35 per cent of

the total. The international commnnity hopes the latest Geneva plan for partition of the country between Muslims and Croats, on the one hand. and Serbs on the other will at least dampen the fighting.

But it will not settle the question of the country's national identity.

Some Muslims fear they are to be squeezed between Serb foes and Croat allies within a confederation of uncertain future, after losing vast tracts of land to the Serbs' campaign of "ethnic cleansing.

Without Islam Muslim Bosnians are zeros. Only through Islam can they reach national unity, become serious and become a respectable factor in the Balkans and in Europe," the musti of Zenica in central Bosnia recently said in a newspaper

interview. "Otherwise, they will become easy prey for various interests in Bosnia," Halil-Efendija Mehtie said.

Bosnian Muslims are too

much alienated from their religious traditions," he added, pointing to the fact that Islamic names are sometimes their only link with their cultural background.

ft is therefore necessary to stop mixed marriages which are "diluting the Muslim body," he said.
The Ljiljau newspaper

quoted a letter the mufti sent to the local ruling Party of Democratic Action (SDA), calling for legislation to ban marriages between Muslim women and nou-Muslims. "Experience has shown

particularly at this time when

threatened" by mixed marthat in mixed marriages betwen Muslim and non-Muslims, already in the first generation Muslim national identity has been erased. This is unacceptable and lethal,

destroy the Muslim nation," and the western world has

Bosnian Muslim leader Mustafa Ceric told AFP that after 45 years of forced assimilation under the communist regime, the time had come for temporary "isolation."

"For the sake of clarifying the meaning of religion and nationality, it is necessary for the (ethnic) groups to live in some sort of isolation. "I don't think we are

riages, but "we think it would h another mistake if we closed our eyes and coutinued the practice," he said. "We need to make clear our identity and what we are supposed to he. f feel threatened f feel insecure because f am different in my

religion and my nationality." Mr. Cerie added. Muslims in Bosnia have been subjected to "genocide"

failed to protect them, even

though they are suposed to be part of Europe. Because of this, Bosnian Muslims "are developing a solidarity, based sometimes on patriotism and which, sometimes, translates into re-

ligious feeling," he added. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, whose forces have killed or forced hundreds of thousands of Muslims to flee, has "contributed more to fslamic awareness among the Bosnian Muslims than 50 years of preaching,' he added.

Mr. Ceric, who studied at the University of Chicago,

cultural influence which was often just "garbage." "Europe is offering us

alcoholism, prostitution, drugs, pornography (...) Alcohol is on offer on every Sarajevo street corner. Small Muslim children are exposed to that. When we say this is wrong, they say this is Islamisation, but that is not the "If we continue this way

we are going to have AIDS here. We have a responsibility to warn society that we are not going to adopt European cultural garhage," he said. Asked if he feared Islamic fundamentalist influence when accepting aid from countries such as Iran, Mr. Ceric said his country needed belp from all sides.

help, should I ask him if he is an Islamic fundamentalist? If he says yes, what do I say? Get out?" "Europe doesn't allow others to help us," he added,

referring to the arms embargo against his country. On the proposed division of the country under the terms of the Geneva peace

plan Mr. Ceric said the country now needed peace even though the West was forcing it to accept seizure of territory by the Serbs.
"If Europe has decided that immorality is morality

force enough to change this But times will change, he added. "Divine justice" will be done.

then all right, we haven't

expect anything these days."

# Fed wants strong dollar; will not up rates to get it

WASHINGTON (R) — Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Alan Greenspan vigorously called for a stronger dollar Friday, but he made clear the U.S. central hank would not raise interest rates just to bring that about.
In his second round of con-

gressional restimony this week on the health of the economy, Mr. Greenspan said that a stronger collarwould benefit not only the U.S. economy, but that of its

trading partners as well.
"Clearly it's in our interest
to have a stronger dellar,"
Mr. Greenspan told a House banking subcommittee "A strongers dollar essentially helps the United States and, indeed, helps our trading

partners. He said the Federal Reserve would not raise interest rates merely to stabilise the currency, although he added that the dollar's movements at times play a " quite impor-tasnt" role in determining

central bank policy. The dollar dipped bn Mr. Greenspan's comments, as traders reckoned that the chances of a near-term rate increase by the central bank had receded. Higher interest rates would make the dollar a more profitable currency for investors to bold,

In his first round of congressional testimony Wednesday, Mr. Greenspan said it was an "open ques-tion" whether the Federal Reserve had raised interest rates far enough to head off inflationary pressures and thus help extend the economic expansion.

He did not repeat that comment Friday in an abbreviated opening state-ment, although the remark was included in the full, writzen text he submitted to the committee for the record.

Mr. Greenspan' said the dellar's value was imported for the Federal Reserve for a variety of reasons. A weaker dellar tends to push up inflation by raising the price of imports and tempting domestic producers to raise prices

It also tends to undermine international confidence in the U.S. economy. That affects the willingness of foreign investors to huy U.S. government bonds and puts upward pressure on long-term U.S. interest rates.

### China's foreign debt stands at \$83.5b

BELJING (R) — China's foreign debt increased by 20.61 per cent or \$14.28 billion last year, bringing the outstanding total ro \$83.5 hillion as of the end of 1993, the official Yinhus News Acceptance. official Xinhua News Agency

Of the total 83.79 per cent or \$70.027 hillion was middle and long-term debt and 16.21 per cent or \$13.54 hillion was short-term deht, according to a report published by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange Control on Friday.

Financial institutions including hanks were the biggest borrowers, with borrow-ings accounting for 50 per cent of the total, the agency quoted the report as saying. Governmental establishments, domestie enterprises and foreign-funded enterprises ranked second, third

and fourth respectively, with borrowings making up 26 per cent, 13 per cent, and 11 per cent of the total. China's foreign deht serivce ratio last year stood ar 9.7 per cent and debt ratio at

94.52 per cent, the report Meanwhile, the World Bank is expected to lend China about \$3 hillion to finance construction of 15 projects in the next fiscal year, which begins in August, the official

China Daily said. Pieter Bottelier, chief of the bank's mission in China, was quoted by the newspaper as saying the money will go to a housing project, a power plant, modernising state enterprises, protecting the en-vironment and establishing a national taxation administration system.

faces spiralling demand for

energy and is trying to reduce

dependence on imports but

must still look abroad for-

supplies, energy Minister Veysel Atasoy said Friday.

resources, big and small, to

avoid an energy bottleneck,"

"Power demand in Turkey

is 70 billion kilowatt bours

(kwb) per year," he said. "It

will rise by up to 10 per cent a

year. Our power plants have a total 20,000 megawatt

capacity, which we will boost

hy 2,000 megawatts per year,

pendent on foreign resources

for energy... we must be

open to projects abroad," he

Mr. Atasoy said a power

plan had been drawn up

covering the years 1994 to

2010, when demand is ex-

"Turkey will always be de-.

for \$2 hillion a year.

"We must make use of all."

# Qadhafi urges self- reliance to free economy from West

TRIPOLI (AFP) — Libyan kader Mummar Qadhafi has called on Lihyans to produce more and consume fewer imported goods in order to hreak free from Western eco-nomic "eolonialism," the official news agency JANA said Saturday.

"Our enemy will defeat us if we consume his products and give up our own production, food and elothing habits," Colonel Qadhafi said. Consuming everything

Western is not independence hut colonialism."

He said Libyans "will free their country from underdevelopment by favonring production, reducing consumption and relying on their own land, resources - including oil - and posses-

Col. Qadhafi was addressing officials from the northeastern region of Darna. He said the battle facing Libya was not military but "a battle of production and the economy."

Earlier this month, Col. Qadhafi said his country would triumph in any coufrontation with the West. which he accused of wanting to "seize Libya's oil and

Air, military and diploma-tic sanctions have been enforced against Libya since April 1992 by the U.N. Security Council.

# Kuwait may start income tax to close budget gap

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwaitis and expatriates may have to start paving income tax for the first time as part of drastie measures to bridge a hudget deficit swollen by the Gulf war, newspapers reported

Finance Minister Nasser Al Rodhan was quoted by Ala Qabas and Al Seyasseh as saying he also planned to start imposing company tax on local firms and a sales tax on services, and reiterating that be wanted customs levies on more types of imports.

He gave no timetable for the measures, which are subjeet to approval of the opposition-dominated ... parnament in the oil-exporting emirate and likely to be opposed by many deputies. The 640,000 Kuwaiti

nationals have long been used to a lavish welfare state, which also provides some from services to the 850,000 expatriate population.

But generous post-Gulf war handouts and warrelated payments have

pected to hit 300 million kwh

year. The Turkish Electricity

Board is huilding power sta-

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billion kwh electricity con-sumption in 2010, all our

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coal resources would not suf-

fice to meet this demand," the minister said. "So we are

turning to natural gas and

Turkey depends on im-ports from Russia of about

six billion cubic metres (more than 200 billion cubic feet)

per year to meet rising de-

mand for natural gas, which accounts for about nine per

cent of energy requirements.

It is vying to ronte export pipelines from year, largely

Despite all this, given 300

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more than half. Government officials say those reserves, used to cover the deficit since the war, could shrink by three-quarter unless hudget reforms are made. The deficit is running at around one fifth of national wealth as measured hy gross domestic product.

The papers printed what they said was the text of a speech or report Sheikh Rodhan is to present to parliament. In a passage indicating the

government may be open to discussing the idea of income tax, he was quoted as saying the alternative would be to increase fees for state services now provided free. These include health and education. One item under the head-

mg "main objectives of this reform" read: "Imposing tax on individuals including expatriates, Such a tax would serve the objective of covering the indirect cost of expatriate labour represented

Turkey struggles to meet huge demand for energy

untapped Central Asian oil

and gas fields over its land,

providing lucrative construc-

tion contracts and regular

transit fees besides new

sources of energy, Mr. Ata-

part in five-nation talks on

pumping natural gas from

and Turkey to Europe.

He said Turkey was taking

Turkmen fields via Iran

The proposed 4,000

kilometres pipeline would

ship between 15 billion and

25 billion cubic metres (530

billion to 880 billion cubic

feet) annually. An invest-ment of \$8 billion is ex-

Turkey is also eyeing new

finds of low-cost, clean gas in

Egypt and discovering in

Iraq, looking ahead to the time when a United Nations

embargo in place since Iraq's

1990 invasion of Kuwait

maybe lifted, Mr. Atasoy

Turkey had joined consor-

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and narrowing the wages gap hetween it and Kuwaiti labour. The alternative to this is to impose fees on these

free services."
Other items read: "Rearranging customs fees and covering all of the gaps by narrowing the exceptions and restricting them to basic commodities imposing sales tax on local services extending the tax on the income of companies to include Knwaiti companies and not only foreign companies."

The government and parhament's finance and economie affairs committee earlier this month agreed on savings of 330 million dinars (\$1.2 billion). These would come from 250 million dinars (\$864 million) in spending cuts and around 100 million dinars (\$338 million) in revenue in-

Officials have said the revenue increases would come from customs fees on 200 items now exempt, including some non-essential foods,

tia and bought licences for

several oil and gas projects in

Central Asia, Africa and

Mr. Atasoy said be ex-pected an initial 300,000 ton-

nes of oil from an Egyptian

Trial production should be-

in August in Kazakhsi

he said, which could bring in

eight million tonnes of oil a

Turkey uses 20 million ton-nes of oil a year, equal to 44

p-er cent of its energyneeds. Its own fields, which Mr. Atasoy said would dry up by

2010, yield only four million

tonnes yearly.
"When the economy is

going well and currency re-

serves are high, it is always

possible to huy oil," he said.
"But in crises it is a great

advantage to produce your own, even if it is in a third

country - this is a kind of

field where Turkey has pro-

Middle East.

duction rights.

# British economy returns to boom growth of 1980s

LONDON (AFP) — Official figures Friday suggested that the British economy has returned to the growth rates of the boom years at the end of

The economy grew by 0.9 per cent in the second quarter from the figure for the first quarter in the strongest quarterly performance on re-

It had also grown by 3.3 per cent from the figure for the second quarter of last year, exceeding a growth rate of 3.0 per cent for the first time since the first quarter of

The provisional and seasonally-adjusted figures referred to growth of gross domestic product (GDP) and were published by the Cen-tral Statistics Office.

Analysts had forecast that the figures would show growth of 0.8 per cent for the quarter and 3.1 per cent for comparison with the figure a

year ago.

In the first quarter GDP had risen by 0.7 per cent.

GDP excluding oil output rose by 0.8 per cent in the current and was 2.7 per cent. quater and was 2.7 per cent higher than the figure for the second quarter of last year. In the first quarter it had grown by 0.6 per cent and by 2.3 per cent on the same comparison.

The government recently increased its figure for expected growth this year to 2.75 per cent from 2.5 per

insurance for the future."

rency reserves recovered to \$5.1 hillion by mid-July after a sharp fall from November's

\$7.2 billion due to an econo-

mic crisis fuelled by a vast

Turkey's leaky electricity net-

work, loss of 15 per cent in

He said many of Turkey's

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be blamed most of the waste

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The ministryis spending

1!.5 trillion lira (\$18 million)

on repairing and renewing the network in Istanbul to

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in Turkey's industrial and commercial hub.

tion and industrialisation.

Mr. Atasoy said it was

Central bank foreign cur-

# **Indian industrialists** should become global players, minister says

million rupees raised in the

1970s, the primary market raised 270 billion rupees (\$9

billion) in fiscal 1993-94

which ended in March, he

In addition, mutual funds

soaked up 113 million rapees

(\$3.7 billion) last year. "We now bave 20 million share-

holders," he said.

But despite this growth,
many deficiencies remained

in disclosure standards, flow

of information and trans-

parency, Mr. Rangarajan said. "So much more infor-

mational and operational

efficiency is needed."
Shirish Nadkarni, chief of

the Securities and Exchange Board of India which reg-ulates bourse trading, said

the NSE had the fastest clear-

ing and settlement system of all Indian bourses.

market," he said. "It is a

giant step for us. The NSE has successfully arrived de-

spite much scepticism and even hostility," he said. India has 23 bourses of which the Bombay Stock Ex-

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BOMBAY (AFP) — Indian industrialists should give up, traditional difference and aim

As against a few hundred to be global players in the face of international competition, Finance Minister Manmohan Singh said Saturday. "We, as a country of 900

million people, must think big and should not be compared with small countries like Mexico, Taiwan or Thailand," he said to applause after formally inaugurating the National Stock Exchange (NSE) here.

"We must shed feeling of inferiority that we are condemned in the global race for competition, that our products are inferior, that we can never achieve global stan-dards of quality," he said.
He called on Indian indus-trialists and the capital mar-

ket to take advantage of the loosening of controls over the economy begun three years ago as part of the country's sweeping economic liberalisation.

Establishing the NS. the country's newest and most modern bourse, was part of the long arduous journey of modernising India so that it can integrare into the global economy." Its capital mar-kets must be efficient and transparent intermediaries as it globalised its economy, insulated from competition for

four decades. "Money will not be a problem for India in the future but our challenge will be to have viable and hankable projeets," the minister said. 'And to be able to manage the capital inflows."

Mr. Singh said the reform process had begun putting in place a new mindset tuned to a modernising, globalising and integrating India.

Chakravarty Rangarajan, governor of the Reserve

Bank of India, the country's

federal hank, said Indian

largest, accounting for 70 per cent of rotal countrywide transactions. Trading on all bourses ex-cept the NSE is by the antiquated open outcry system where mismatches are as high as 30 per cent. Trading on the NSE is fully computerised

with information available on a real-time basis. The NSE was set up by major state-owned banks, insurance companies and financial instituions. It began trading in the debt market last month and will move oo to equities by the end of the

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JULY 24, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: VIRGO: (August 22 to Septem-Rid yourself of unwanted obliga-tions and you feel freer, happier routines before engaging in and more inspired. Let those in amusements. An argument with your immediate circle know a friend is not serious, so forget it concerned about what others

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Analyse your position with friends and know which to retain and which to let out of your life for best results to get the success

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Condidons in the business world may appear strange now, but later can turn to your benefit. Be more self-assured in the actions

you take today. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don't rush into a new interest before making a careful study. Take no risks with your reputation at this time or you will be

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Come to a bener understanding with the one you love. A new contact can bring many benefits your way which will be to your best interest.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21)

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Don't try to be forceful with others, or you could regret it later. Don't neglect a worthy friend of long standing. SCORPIO: (October 23 to

November 21) Be sure to keep promises made to family members. A new project needs more study and evaluation before going ahead with it. SAGITTARIUS: (November 2

to December 21) Be more objective in dealing with others and get better results. Use extreme caution in motion and avoid possible accidents.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Plan how to save more money instead of spending more than you can afford. Show others you have wisdom to handle any situation.

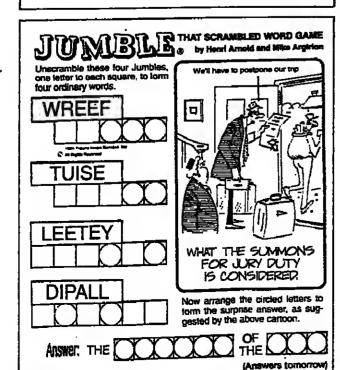
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) A time to be calm and serene while going after a personal aim. Be sure to use your LEO: (July 22 to August 21)
Resolve a problem you have with an associate and cement better relations with this person. Be wary of newcomers you are unabout.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Taking on a martyr complex will gain you nothing at this time.

Quietly get things done in a sure and positive manner.

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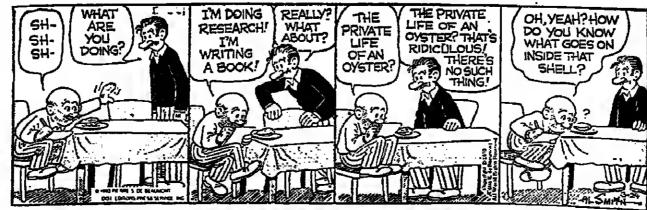


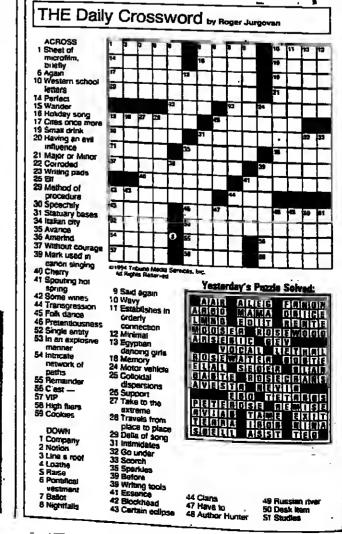


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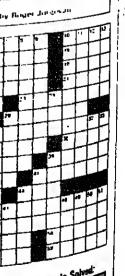
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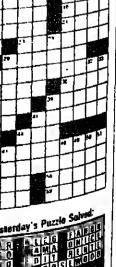
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# EU invites Arab, Israeli and European companies to attend gathering in Cairo Companies from Jordan,

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The European Union (EU), which is playing a key economic role parallel to the political efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, is organising a gathering of Arab, European and Israeli companies in a bid for regional integration.

The gathering, formally ti-tled Partenariat European Unioo-Middle East will be beld in Cairo Dec. 6-7, and, according to a press release, 311 companies have already been selected to attend the forum from among 1,400 ap-

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Eventually, the conference is expected to attract up to 1.200 companies, the EU

"The event, offers an opportunity to broaden contacts, develop common busioess opportunities and work towards the development of peace through prosperity in the region, said a EU leaf-left entitled "Coming Together in Cairo."

The forum is an EUsponsored initiative to promote ties between firms in the European Union and the Middle East and to promote regional integration in the Middle East," it said.

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breakthrough in the Israeli-Palestinian track of peace negotiations in September, the European Union has been engaged in various efforts to bring Arabs and Israelis together at various forums, including heavy political debates and media

gatherings. We believe that peace has to take roots between people for it to be durable and comprehensive," says a senior European diplomat in Amman. "The Union is thus very much active at various levels to bring about interaction between Arabs and Israelis with a view to fostering under-

standing of each other." Sectors expected to be represented in the Cairo forum include: - Food processing and

packaging:
— Construction/ infrastructure/environmental technology: Garments/textiles;

- Tourism: - Electro-mechanical pro-- Engineering/metal

working; - electronics; and — Medical equipment/

pharmaceuticals/plastics.

Egypt, the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and Israel as well as the six Arab states of the Gulf are expected to take part in the Cairo meeting. The EU also hopes that Syrian and Lebanese businessmen could be brought in formally at a later stage (Syria and Leba-non are officially staying away from the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process saying regional cooperation and business contacts with Israelis could

> political issues are satisfactonly resolved). Beyond Arab and Israeli business contacts with European firms, a key objective of the forum appears to be to make contacts between Arab and Israeli companies ahead of the possible end to the Arab trade boycott of Israel as part of an overall peace settlement in the Middle

come only after the bilateral

The EU, particularly Germany, has been calling for an end to the secondary and tertiary effects of the decades-old Arab boycott of Israel. The primary boycott involves Israeli companies

ary boycott is targetted at companies linked with Israel and with companies doing business with firms which are boycotted for their links with the Jewish state.

Potential participants in the Cairo conference are expected to be briefed in detail about the forum at a "Partenariat Seminar" to be held in Amman's Forte Grand Hotel on Tuesday and again on Sunday. The event is orga-nised by MEBA Limited, an Amman-based business consulting firm.

According to MEBA, the Cairo forum is heavily subsidised by the EU to allow even small companies to attend and "is a golden opportunity for Jordanian firms to gain international exposure.

Details of firms selected to the partnenariat will be featured in a promotional catalogue which will be distributed throughout the European member states to help identify suitable partners.

The Cairo forum will also serve the purpose of saving businessmen time and money-consuming travel and management costs to establish business contacts with Furonean firms.

### while the secondary and terti-Ireland, Luxembourg head EU single currency applicants

land and Luxembourg are leading the European Union's (EU's) list of countries likely to meet the economic mission official has said.

rency union, because it would mean overlooking Ireland's high public debt.

The EU's Maastricht union treaty states that countries wanting to join a single cur-rency bloc by 1998 must cut their budget deficits to three per cent of gross domestic product, and their public

It lays down that the EU should spotlight those countries falling short of the two criteria, and punish them with fices or bans on new EU loans if they do not follow advice to bring their deficits and debt under control.

The official said that all EU countries except Luxem-

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bourg and Ireland would be getting reports by the end of this year criticising their debt and deficit performances.

Luxembourg meets both criteria. But Ireland's public debt, currently at 93 per cent of GDP, is still well above the 60 per cent target.

The official pointed to a loophole in the Maastricht treaty which says countries making satisfactory progress towards the targets could be accepted ioto the single curreocy bloc "Ireland already meets the

deficit criteria. Its public debt dropped from 116 per cent in 1987 to 93 per cent this year and should fall even further."

# Second **Jordanian** bank opens in W. Bank

AMMAN (R) — Jordan-Gulf Bank will open its first branch in the Israeli-occupied West Bank Monday, the second Jordanian bank to resume operations under a Jordanian-Israelt banking accord, a senior bank official

"We will be getting the licence from the Israeli civil administration authorities in a small ceremony in Ramallah Sunday, and our branch in Nablus will be ready to business on Monday." Mohammad Jamjoun, general manager of Jordan-Gulf Bank, told Reuters Saturday.

The bank plans to open other branches after two to three months, depending on the performance of the first one, Mr. Jamjoun said. It has 28 branches in Jordan. A Jordanian-Israeli finan-

cial accord signed last year allowed the reopening of branches of Jordanian banks closed after Israel's 1967 occupation of the West Bank.

The bank, a result of a merger with Mashreq Bank in 1993, took over four pre-1967 branches in the West Bank - Jerusalem, Hebron, Ramallah and Nablus. Mr. Jamjoum said his

bank, along with regular services would focus on commercial banking and would target business from international aid flown once infrastructure activity picks up. Jordan-Gulf Bank's assets

at the end of 1993 stood at 104 million dinars (\$149.42 million), deposits at 61.5 million dinars (\$88.36 million) and credit facilities of 43.5 million dinars (\$62.5 million).

Bank of Jordan, the first Jordanian bank to resume business after the Israeli-PLO peace accord, opened its second branch in the territories in June

# Italy's top drug firm threatens to move abroad

MILAN (R) - Italy's largest drugs company threatened to move abroad Friday as the government announced plans for more cuts in medicine prices to save money for the country's creaking national bealth service.

Menarini Industrie Farmaceutiche, which has sales of 1.75 trillion lire (\$1.1 billion), took out full page advertisements in newspapers to say it intended to switch production to Germa-

They appeared hours before Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's cabinet, pledged to slashing Italy's mammoth budget deficit, approved a draft law designed to save some five trillion lire (\$3.2 billion) in a restructured

health service. Health Minister Raffaele Costa said the draft law. which must be approved by parliament, included plans for a further 10 per cent temporary cut in the price of medicines in 1995. He said Menarini's action

was unreasonable. The price of drugs has got to be cut," Mr. Costa told Italian television. "The threat to go abroad can not influence us. Even the phar-maceuticals industry must participate in this effort."

Menarini which employs

2,977 people in Italy, said it would switch production 10 its plant in Germany where it had idle capacity. With this price structure,

the lowest in Europe, we have no chance of remaining competitive in Italy and so we aree going," Menarini Managing Director Lucia Aleotti told Reuters. Italy's pharmaceuticals in-

dustry, Europe's third largest after Germany and France, had been locked in dispute with the government since Rome unleashed a series of reforms at the end of last year aimed it lightening the burden of health spending.

In a move which was intended on a partial liberalisation after years of rigid state control, Rome said drugs' prices would be set according to a European Union aver-

It also introduced sweeping reorganisation of the way medicines were subsidised by health authorities.



# Goodwill Games finally opening after two days of organisational troubles

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia and had a total of 417.5 (AP) — The United States got off to a winning start in basketball, four world weightlifting records were set and Russian President Boris Yeltsin officially opened the Goodwill Games Saturday.

The U.S. basketball team. led by Micbael Finley of Wisconsin with 16 points, beat Argentina 38-71. The Americans led \$1-60 before Argen-tina scored 11 of the final 13

"There was never any doubt io anyone's miod wbo was going to win the game," U.S. coach George Raveling said. "But we have to play better to beat Puerto Rico

In weightlifting, Sergei Syrztsov of Russia broke three of his own world records in the snatch, clearnand-jerk and overall total in tbe 99 kilogramme (218 pound) class. He lifted 191 kilos (421 pounds) io the snatch and 227.5 (501 (920.4 pounds).

Syrztsov, 28, silver medalist at the 1992 Olympics and 1993 world championships, bad set the previous records at the 1994 European championships in the Czech Re-

Andrei Chemerkin, a 325pound (147 kg) giant known as the world's strongest man, broke bis own world record in the snatch in the 108 kilogramme (over 23g pound) class. He lifted 201 kilos (443.12 pounds) to better his previous mark of 200.5 (442

At the end of 1992, the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) established new weight classes, creating new opportunities for world

The Goodwill Games, the first major sports event in Russia since the break-up of the Soviet Uoion, were officially opened at a ceremony attended by a near-capacity crowd of 70,000 at Kirov

Stadium.
"I'm sure four years from now our bearts will be moved when we recall these sports events on the banks of the River Neva," Yeltsin said.

This is a joyous meeting of old friends," be said. "The line between politicians and athletes are very close, and we understand each other through them."

Ted Turner, the Atlantabased entrepreneur who founded the games in the mid-1980s as a chance for athletes to compete free from political pressure, said. "Our two countries have for too many years not enjoyed the opportunity to know each other through sports."

The games' flame was lit by two fireballs which were guided along an invisible wire to a collision point over the It was a relitively smonth

opening after two days of off a day was the only way to go considering the water." organisational troubles. All swim events will now be held Sunday instead of spread over two days.

U.S. 50-metre world record-bolder Tom Jager, who will swim against Russian Olympic champion Alex-ander Popov, said the move to delay the swimming was

pool a murky green.

are concerns about St.

Petersburg's drinking water, slow ticket sales and trans-

U.S. swim team spokes-

was nothing compared to re-cent changes in Russia.

"Considering all else that's happened in this country, this

little delay isn't a big deal." Snyder said. "But putting it

portation problems.

right.
"No. I wouldn't jump into that water the way it looked

work on a faulty filter that Goodwill Games President was left the water in the Ska Jack Kelly said an inspection Friday showed a troublesome filteration system was still pumping murky green water.

Also Friday, U.S. basketball team coach George But Snyder suggested the wound was self-inflicted. Kel-Raveling had a fit when his team's practice was delayed because the Chioese team ly said other venues were "virtually ready" with ony last-minute problems to be was scheduled to go on court at the same time. The South Korean bandsolved. ball team had to cancel its

"The problem is they put charcoal directly into the fil-ter rather than in a cloth sack game after missing a plane and arriving late, and there and then into the filter," Synder said. "Two days ago when I went to the pool for the first time the water was a brown-black coour, this time man Charlie Snyder tried to it was green. The first time be positive, noting that a one-day delay in swimming you could see the black lines oo the bottom, today you

couldo't.' Even without swimming, Saturday's first day of competitioo was full with men's and women's beach volleybal, men's basketball, weightlifting and boxing.

These are the third Good-

will Games. The 1986 games in Moscow and Seattle in 1990 combined for a loss of more than \$60 million. Kelly said officials no longer bope to break even in St. Peters-

Russia is spending \$75 million on the games, mostly for renovation of the 11 competition sites for more than 2,000 athletes from 55 countries.

# Big jockey Kinane strikes again in Diamond Stakes race

ASCOT, England (R) — Big race jockey Michael Kinane struck again Saturday, partnering 12-1 King's Theatre to a comfortable success in the group one King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stadium.

Irishman Kinane, who had an outstanding record in major races around the world, took up the running on the three-year-old colt in the fin-

al furlong (200 metres).

He readily held off the challenge of White Muzzle (9-2), ridden by Japanese champion Yutaka Taka, to win by one and a quarter

lengths.
Outsider Wagoo Master (20-1), the mount of Richard Hills, hung on to take third place two and a half lengths behiod White Muzzle in the prestigions mid-summer

event.
There was drama at the beginning of the race when Ezzoud unseated jockey Walter Swinburn. The colt raced the full 12 furlongs (2.4 km). In the final 150 metres, Ezzoud veered across the froot runners, forcing King's Theatre to the inside.

But Kioane quickly re-gained control and King's Theatre went on to land this major prize for trainer Henry Cecil and owner Sheikh Mohammad. The Sheikh won the race in 1993 with Opera

The big disappointment was Epsom Derby winner Erbab, who started 7-2 favourite, but never got in an effective blow.

The stewards inquired into Swinburn's fall from Ezzoud at the start of the race.

Swinburn was taken to bospital and a course spokesman said: "He is being X-rayed and he is as comfortable as yon would expect, considering the bump be took."

Having viewed video replays of the start, the stewards decided the fall was caused by Ezzoud ducking to the left as the stalls opened, resulting in Swinburn hitting the gate and becoming unsea-

Kinane's successes in recent years include the Melbourne Cup, the Epsom Derby, the Belmont Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Saturday's victory was his second in the King George, following Belmez in the 1990, also for Sbeikh Mohammad

and trainer Cecil. Cecil said of Kiog's Theatre: "After two seconds in the Eoglish Derby and Irish Derby he deserved to

win today. After his failures in the classics, doubt had been cast

on the colt's ability to stay Saturday's 2.4 km ride. There were also questions about whether the good to firm going would suit King's Theatre and it was only in the last 24 bours before the race that connections decided to let the horse take his chance aware that the course would be watered overnight.

Cecil said: "The ground was actually perfect. There had been plenty of water to take the jar out."

Kinane, using all his experience, was able to brush aside the problems caused by Ezzoud and then quickly go for a decisive gap which appeared towards the inside as Wagoo Master began to come to the end of his tether.

White Muzzle, who also finished second in 1993, had to snatch up momentarily as Kinane and King's Theatre burst through, but it was not enough to affect the out-

Erhaab, riddeo by Willie Carsons, also suffered somewhat at the hands of Ezzoud as the riderless horse darted in from the outside halfway up the straight. But the interference did not appear to have been fatal to the colt's chances and on the day the

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best borse won on merit. French-trained Apple Tree, winner of the Epsom Coronation Cup and a top race in France this season. ran on creditably for Thierry Jarnet to be fourth of the 12

# **Edberg advances to semifinals** of ATP Washington Classic

Sweden's Stefan Edberg won his seventh straight match over Aaron Krickstein here late Friday, advancing to the ATP Washington Classic semifinals with a 6-4, 6-1

Joining Edberg U.S. veter-an David Wheaton and two former farmboys from opposite sides of the Indian Ocean. Australia's Jason Stoltenberg and Byron Black of Zimbabwe. Edberg attacked Kirc-kstein from the start,

breakiong him in the first game of both sets and extending his mastery over the U.S. player.
"I kept up the pace and never gave him a chance,"

Edberg said. "I came to the net and I could see that (I bad frustrated him). It has worked before. Krickstein made three .. ouble faults in key situations to give Edbereg breaks in the

games of the second. "I can't give him any was confident and I didn't serve well. I missed too many

seventh game of the first set

and the fifth and seventh

Black, raised on an avacado farm where his father has five courts, will face Edberg after eliminating Sweden's Thomas Enqvist 7-5, 6-4. The world's top rated doubles player reached his third solo semifinal in as many weeks. "It will be much the same

as Aaron." Edberg said. "He will go to the net more and he mixes up his game, but I will have to do the same things." Stoltenberg, who ousted



New Zealand's Brett Steven cotton farm in New South wales and first played on a white dirt court there.

Stoltenberg survived two third-set rain delays. Stoltenberg led 2-1 on serve when rain began and dominated when play resumed, breaking Steven in the first game back. Rain stopped them again, but Stoltenberg won after only seven points once play re-

The first rain delay worked in my favour." Stolten-berg said. "Brett might have felt a bit on top. The match was tilting his way. After the rain, I came out aggressive and got a break straight

Stoltenberg had played io five straight ATP events before taking a rest last week. The boliday paid off. "I didn't expect too much

here. My perparation wasn't ideal," be said. "I was pretty drained. I felt like I had a lot of tennis. I went to Orlando and took a week off. It belped me fresben up mental-

Stoltenberg faces Wheaton next. Both are nice-year veterans who won their second career titles earlier this year. Stoltenberg's came at the U.S. Clay finals in April. Wheaton won two weeks ago at Newport. They bave split six career meetings, with Stoltenberg winning all three on hardcourts, the surface used here.

We bave always played close matches," Stoltenberg said. "Neither has a great

Wheaton served well in eliminating Australia's Michael who departed quickly for a friend's weekend wedding in Arizona, had 14 aces but

could not break Wheaton. "Io both sets, he played one bad game oo his serve, Wheaton said. "He has a big serve. He just double faulted and made unforced errors each time and I had consis-

"I played a couple of loose games and it cost me." Teb-butt said. "I just lost my concentration. I needed to be more aggressive on his

# Wilkins signs with

BOSTON (AP) - Free agent forward Dominique Wilkins, the ninth-leading scorer io NBA history, agreed to a three-year contract with the Boston Celtics

"It feels great," Wilkins said from Chicago, where he is practising with Dream Team II, which will represent the United States at the World Championsbips in Torooto next month. "Just the tradition alone there gets you ready to play. I always Garden and now I'll be playing there all the time.

Celtics President Red Auerbach confirmed the deal Friday might.

"There's no sense keeping it a secret because it's out," Anerbach said. "M.K. Carr and Jan Volk went out there today and finished it off." Carr, hired as the Celtics' head of basketball operations

last month, and Volk, his assistant, met with Wilkins Friday in Chicago. "He knows what it takes to

put good talent together," Wilkins said of Carr. "They showed interest in me for a while. It didn't just happen overnight. We've been moving right along."
Wilkins, 34, was traded in
February to the Los Angeles
Clippers by the Atlanta
Hawks for forward Danny

Manning. He made \$3.5 million last seasoo and became an unrestricted free agent

"I had a great year despite the senseless trade," Wilkins said. "I had a great year. I'm feeling as good as I've felt in my career and now I think I'll end my career with the Celtics. I'm happy to be there and looking forward to doing the best I can for the people

The last offer from the Clippers to re-sign him was a \$7.5 million deal over three years, with a \$800,000 bonus for making the playoffs. No other details were available on the Celtics deal except that it was for three years. Auerbach said Wilkins has plenty to offer the Celtics, who missed the playoffs last season with a 32-50 record.

Missing Filipina maid Mary Jane S. Canillas has left her employer's home and has not returned.

Anyone having information on her whereabouts, please contact Tel. 812-336 or the naarest police station for a good re-

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secution.

# Foreman to get yet another shot at title

nario is nowhere to be found in the book "How to Become a Heavyweight Champion."

Then agaio, ootbiog George Foreman has done since returning to boxing has been by the book. Foreman gets another,

even more inexplicable, shot at the heavyweight title Nov. when he meets Michael Moorer for the WBA and IBF versions of the split His credentials for getting

the title fight? Certainly not a

loss to Tommy Morrison in his last bout, followed by a able fight analysis for HBO. The 45-year-old Foreman will be the opponent for Moorer's first defence for one reason: He can still sell

"I am not going to hear

as be and Moorer got together at the MGM Grand Resort to bype the fight. The public hasn't seen anyone whipe me. That's why they'll buy this fight."

Seven years after be began his first comeback, Foreman makes another comeback against Moorer, who won the heavyweight titles in April with a 12-round decision over Evander Holyfield.

While it is the same old big George, this time be comes prepared with a new form. The cuddly fighter who eats his way to the title has been replaced by raging George, Foreman, a fighter on a mis-

"I'm not playing games anymore. The rage is back on again," Foreman said. "Everybody said I was too nice to my opponents, that I would I can win. I've been forced to use my rage.' Foreman, who lonked very

much the part of an aging fighter when Morrison confused him by boxing his way to a 12-round win last June, will be getting his second title shot since returning to the ring in 1987. Foreman has fought only

four times since losing his bid for the heavyweight cham-pionship in a 12-round decision in April 1991 to Holy-

"You look at that fight and I staggered Holyfield," Foreman. said. "He couldn't do anything in the last couple of rounds but I was just too nice to finish it."

Foreman is a 3-1 underdog in the MGM grand sports book for the fight against Moorer, who had to restrain during an appearance Thursday in Los Angeles.

Foreman was working as an HBO commentator when Moorer beat Holyfield and. in an on-air tirade that was later excised from the taped replay by the oetwork, sug-gested that Holyfield actually won the fight and that the decision might bave been

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### take it," Foreman said Friday Not now. This is the only way from going after Foreman fake." Kenya's Sigei chops more than six seconds off world 10,000m record

OSLO, Norway (AP) - William Sigei got the message in last year's 10,000 metres: Avoid heavy traffic and go for the record.

The Kenyan, running solo in the last 2.4 kilometres (1.5 miles), chopped more than six seconds off the world record set on the same track by countryman Yobes Ondieki in Friday's Bislett Games Grand Prix track and field

"I new I had a good chance to break the record," said Sigei, who was running a year go. "But it wasn't easy to run so many laps all by myself and I never expected to beat the record by such a big

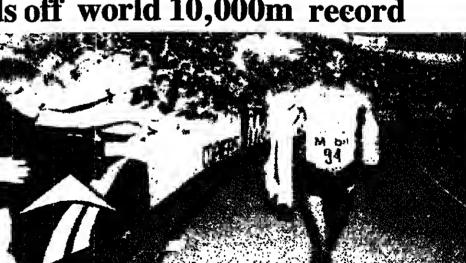
margin."
Sigei, 24, who is based in Britain, clocked 26 minutes, 52.53 seconds to become only the second runner to break the magic 27-minute barrier for the 10,000 metres.

Midway through the 19-man race, Sigei's prospects of a world record looked dim. He was four seconds off the pace Ondieki had last year at the 5k mark. After the pacemakers let

him down. Sigei decided to do it all alone. It worked. "But I never knew that I was four seconds down at the halfway point," he said. "It was so noisy. I never heard my split time."
Bislett Stadium's sellout

crowd of 18,270 was brought to its feet when Sigei came

through.
Sigei's record was the 60th world record — 10 of them unofficial — at Bislett Stadium since 1924, second only to Stockholm's Olympic Stadium that was built for the 1912 summer games. In the last 10 years, four of the five world records in the 10,000



Kenya's William Sigei holds a bouquet of Friday. Sigei shattered fellow Kenyan Yobes flowers while celebrating the new 10,000m Ondieki's record by more than six seconds world record he set at the Bislett Games clocking 26min 52.23sec (AFP photo)

metres have been recorded at Oslo and Stockholm, The weather cooditions belp. Scandinavia's cool temperatures are perfect for long-

distance running.

A world cross-country champion in 1993 and '94, Sigei showed great promise when he clocked a personal best of 13:6.72 in the 5,000 metres recently, one of the

fastest times of the year. Ethiopia's 10,000-metre champion Haile Gebresilaise broke the 5,000 metre world mark with a time of 12:56.96 in early June at Hengelo, the Netherlands. Sigei says that record is out of his reach. "Not this summer, hnt

maybe next year," said Sigei, who is skipping the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, but will compete m the Commonwealth Games next month in Canada.

Dennis Mitchell turned in

another sterling performance, leading from the start to win the 100 metres in 9.94

seconds for the second fastest time of the year and a new Bislett Stadium record.

Mitchell's time was just nine bundreths of a second off the world mark that fellow American Leroy Burrell set recently at Lausanne, Switzerland. Jon Drummond, who beat

world and Olympic champion Linford Christie of Britain in Loodon a week ago, made it a 1-2 finish for the United States with a time of 9.93. Burrell, who is preparing for the Goodwill Games, did not

World champion Colin Jackson, comiong off a hamstring mjury that kept him sidelined for five weeks early this season, led a 1-2 British finish in the 100 metre hur-

Jackson, who also holds the world record, bad a winning time of 13.22 seconds. Tony Jarrett was second in 13.35 and Mark McKoy, Canada's Olympic champion

who now competes for Austria, was third in 13.43, Greg Foster, at age 38 one of the

oldest atheletes in the sport, finished sixth and last in 13.47. Two-time Olympic hepthalon champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee won the womeo's long jump at 7.33 metres. Heike Drechjler of Germany

was second at 7.29. Joyner-Kersee fouled on four of her six attempts, but the American responded well when Drechsler took the lead with her longest effort of the evening in the fifth and next to last round. Joyner-Kersee, jumping last in the field, answered with her second longest jump of the season. In late May, she set an American record of 7.49 at the

New York Games. Owen Torrence, another U.S. Olympic champion, won the women's 200 metre in 21.94, a seasonal best. Irina Privalova of Russia was runnerup in 22.19.

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Bulgarian midfielder Hristo Stoichkov lies on the ground after missing a goal during Bulgaria's third-place playoff match against Sweden at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles July 16 (AFP photo)

# Bulgarian wants footballers canonised

LOVECH, Bulgaria (R) — A Bulgarian has offered a large donation to the Orthodox Church if it canonises two of the foothaliers who have thrilled the country by taking fourth place in the

World Cup. The state news agency BTA has said Kiril Donev promised to give the 250,000 levs (\$5,000) to a 19th century monastery in central Bulgaria if it makes striker Hristo Stoickhov and

saints. Donev pledged to donble the snm if the abbot, Bishop Nestor, agreed to have their faces painted on the exterior walls of the church. BTA said the bid by

Alexandrovo in the Lovech region was "the fruit of his uncontrollable passion for football." The monastery has not yet replied to the request.

# Abdoujaparov warms up for Tour de France finish with sprint win memories of the famous Paris the race in the high climbs.

LAC ST POINT, France (R)

— Speed King Djamolidine
Abdoujaparov warmed up
for the Paris finish in style by winning a massive sprint to take the penultimate stage of

the Tour de France Saturday. Uzbek Abdoujaparov, set to claim the green jersey prized by all sprinters for the third time when the race ends Sunday, narrowly beat Slovak Jan Svorada and Italian Silvio Martinello at the end of a peaceful, 208.5-km ride from Morzine.

The only Asian to ride in the tour, who had won the firt stage in Armentieres after a sprint marred by a spec-tacular crash, warned his rivals he would be the one to beat on the Champs Elysees. Abdoujaparov has mixed

avenue where he fell with the green jersey on his shoulders m the last stage of the 1991 tour, before taking revenge with a brilliant win last year.

Race leader Miguel Indurain kept his cool in the pack while the sprinters were zigzagging head down, and moved dramatically close to a fourth consecutive triumph. "The most important thing was to avoid a crash," said

Indurain, who retained a comfortable lead of five minutes 39 seconds on secondplaced Piotr Ugrumov of Lat-

The Paris podium should be completed by Italian Marco Pantani, third, a further one minute 40 seconds back after bringing excitement to

Patani had few opportunities to shine as the race left the Alps for a relatively undemanding stage featuring only one difficulty, the Col de la Faucille in the Jura Moun-

The image of Belgian sprinter Peter de Clercq crossing the line at the top in front provided a symbol for an uneventful stage in which the peloton took a well-

"We're all tired and we decided to take it easy for a change," said Frenchman Luc Lehlanc, fourth overall.

The race, particularly de-manding this year because of stifling heat, lost two more riders Saturday.

Paris-Rouhaix winner Andrei Tchmil of Moldova retired before the start and Belgian Marc Sergeant pulled out along the way, leaving only 117 out of 189 starters.

The action started only in the last few hundred metres in a sprint which saw Abdoujaparov force his way to the front before lifting his clen-ched fist in the air on the finish line.

"The green jersey is just as important for me as the yel-low one is for Indurain," he

Indurain will now make a triumphant entry in the French capital at the end of Sunday's last stage from the Eurodisney theme park, just outside Paris.

### Video chain head bid \$145m for Miami Heat

Huizenga, the hillionaire head of a nation-wide chain of video stores, has offered \$143 million to huy the Miami Heat professional haskethall team, the Miami Herald reported Friday.

Unnamed sources quoted hy the newspaper said Miami's Arison family, which owns a majority interest in the NBA team, is interested

the head of Blockhuster Entertainment Corporation. The offer, the highest the Heat has received, may be retracted if Heat minority owners Lewis Schaffel and Billy Cunningham oppose it,

the newspaper said. Lasi November, the Heat rejected a \$130 million offer from Sidney Kimmel, a Philadelphi husinessman.

includes Carnival Corp Cruise Line chief Mickey Arison, along with the two smaller investors paid \$32.5 million to launch the NBA expansion franchise in 1987.

Huizenga already owns the Miami Dolphins football team, the Florida Marlins basehall team and the Florida Panthers hockey team - ownership stakes unpre-cedented in major league

Blockhuster has proposed huilding a \$1.4 hillion amusement park and sports complex outside Miami, which would include new playing fields for the Marlins and Panthers and feature sportsoriented games and retail shops for lourists.

# Jordan wins opening match in women's handball tourney

By Roufan Nahhas

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — The Jordan National Women's Handball team beat its Cypriot coun-terpart 22-20 in the opening match of the Jordan Handhall Championship Saturday.

The week-long cham-pionship includes in addition to Jordan and Cyprus the national teams of iraq and teams representing the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth Majd Quaishat deputised for Her, Royal Highness Princess Haya in opening the championship at the Sports Palace at Al Hussein Youth City.

The Jordanian team scored the first two goals which gave the players a push forward since the Cypriot team did not seem so competitive in the first half. This gave the Jordanian side the advantage to move faster and more accurately. Jordan's substitute goalkeeper Firas Kilani made some incredible saves, hat was injured, forcing coach Ziad Khrissat to bring in Lina Jaser for some time. Lamia Jalad looked very comfortable in scoring for the Jordanian team ending the first half with Jordan leading

In the second half the Cyp-

WITH OMAR SHARIF

NORTH

East-West vulnerable. South

A K Q 7 A 2 4 0 J 7 8 4 3 0 A 7 EAST

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1 0 1 NT Pass
2 7 Pass 2 9 Pass
6 9 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of &
A squad from New Jersey won the
third division of the Crand National
Team Championship beating a
Michigan team in the final. With
deckner's play of a standard as high
as shown on this deal, they should
soon be challenging for higher
honors.

South's two hearts was a transfer to spades and North's three clubs was an advance cue-bid promising a maximum no trump and good spade support. South went directly to slam.

West led a trump, won perforce in

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

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riot team looked more aggressive in the attack and more determined to play a

better game. Eleftheria led the Cypriot team to several successful attempts, giving the Jorda-nians a hard time defending their goal, and with less than six minutes remaining the two teams were tied 15-15. The Cypriot team advanced 16-15 but Rana Laham used her experience to give the Jordanian side another tie.

The Cypriot team again took-the-lead 18-16; again prompting Khrissat to bring in Lina Jaser to the court. The last five minutes were

fast and decisive for both teams and thanks to Rana Laham, the Jordanian team tied the match 20-20. The team kept the pressure on the Cypriots to end the game 22-20.

The president for the Cypriot team Aristos was sent ont of court by the referee during the game for shouting and protesting at the referees' de-

"It is not fair. The referee was on the Jordanian side,"

said Aristos. Cypriot player Eleftheria said that his team was looking

forward for its next match. Today the Iraqi team will play Yarmouk University at 5

p.m. at Yarmouk University

chunny. Declarer, Feng Liu of New Brunswick, N.J., ruffed a diamond, then used the table's two high trumps as entries for two more dia-mond ruffs. The acc of hearts was

the means of getting to the board for another diamond roff, but that suit failed to split evenly. This was now the position:

EAST

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**♦** J86

♥ 8 ±

SOUTH

♦ Q 10
On the lead of the last trump, West was forced to part with a heart—discarding from either minor would have made declarer work easy. If East discarded a club, declarer would play king and another heart to endplay Rast. Since the opening bid marked West for the king of clubs, declarer could not go wrong in the suit on the forced club return. At the table, East chose to discard a heart, so declarer scored three of the last four tricks with K 9 of hearts and ace of clubs.

VK 8

WEST

♥ Q 10

A K S

### . Simpson says he is '100 per cent innocent ing victim Reginald Denny

LOS ANGELES (R) - O.J. Simpson confidently declared at his arraignment Friday that he was "absolutely 100 per cent not guilty" of murdering his ex-wife and a friend,

Simpson spoke in a strong, clear voice that resonated around the packed courtroom when asked by superior court judge Cecil Mills how he pleaded to charges of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and 25-yer-old waiter Ronald Goldman,

They were slashed and stabbed to death outside Nicole Simpson's Brentwood townhouse on the night of June 12. Simpson, 47, a for-mer football star who became a television and movie celebrity, says he was at-home waiting for a limousine to take him to the airport at the time of the killings. Celebrated Los Angeles

trial lawyer Johnnie Cochran joined the defence team in court for the first time, sitting beside lead defence attorney Robert Shapiro, who intro-duced him to Mills as one of his four co-counsels. Simpson said the others

fessor Alan Dershowtiz, who were not present.

and pop superstar Michael

Jackson. Simpson's appearance at this superior court arraignment was in sharp contrast to the way he looked at his municipal court arraignment

Then, he looked dazed and confused and did not wear a tie, belt or shoelaces because he was under a suicide watch at the men's cerntral jail in Los Angeles.

On Friday, dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and tie, he looked alert and confident, smiling at Shapiro and even giving a thumbs-up sign to someone in the public gallery after the hearing was over-and he was being led

Mills, the superior court supervising judge, appointed his deputy, Lance Ito, as the trial judge. He said Ito would hold a hearing on motions filed by both sides next little day, when he will be probably set a trial date. Under California law,

Simpson has the right to a trial within 60 days of Friwere Gerald Uelmen, who was in court, and F. Lee day's arraignment, and Mills noted that Sept. 20 would be Bailey and Harvard law prothe 60th day.
Mills made a disclosure to the court that I to was married

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to a Los Angeles police de-Among Cochran's more famous clients are riot beatpartment captain, Margaret

separate services for each.

York, who worked in the Bunco-forgery squad, hut neither side objected.

York is the highest ranking female in the department. The choice of Ito came as a surprise to experts who expected the trial judge to come from a panel of nine "long cause" judges who specialise

in lenghty, complicated trials.

Ito is not a member of that panel hut he is the court's second most senior judge and is no stranger to lengthy, complicated cases, having presided over the criminal fraud trial of former savings and loan king Charles

Keating. Harlan Braun, a respected trial lawyer who defended one of the officers in the Rodney King beating trial, said Ito was an impartial judge who was a stickler for the rules.

"He is an unusual judge in that (superior court) huilding because he actualaly believes in following the rules. If you follow the rules, you will be an impartial judge," Braun

Ito may also be a reluctant judge. In a recent interview with the daily journal, a legal newspaper, the 43-year-old jurist said a judge "would have to be crazy to want that case because of the amount of public scrutiny."



O.J. Simpson (C) talks with a court bailiff last month while his attorneys confer with the Judge Patti Jo McKay out of the

was "the worst position." Ito's first action after being appointed was to grant a motion filed by Shapiro minutes after Friday's arraignment

a second motion. Ito scheduled a hearing Monday to hear arguments on the second motion, which demands that the prosecution courtroom during a procedural hearing in Los Angeles (AFP photo)

He said that being on the bench in a high profile case

testing. asking for a quick hearing on

share with the defence all its scientific evidence, such as

hlood samples and droplets found at the scene and in Simpson's driveway, so that it can carry out its own DNA

In his filing, Shapiro noted that the prosecution intended to start DNA testing in a maryland lanoratory Tuesday.

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BONN (R) - Thousands of Iranian exiles staged peaceful demonstrations on Saturday, hailing the Mujahideen-e-Khalq opposition movement's "future president of Iran" and calling for the overthrow of the Tehran government. Maryam Rajavi, elected in October 1993 by a Mujahideene-Khalq dominated National Resistance Council to serve as interim president once the Islamic government is toppled. has lived in France for just under a year. The council, which organised the protests in about 16 major cities, said m a statement sent from Paris a total of 55,000 exiles joined the rallies around the world in what it called the "largestever hy Iranians abroad." Organisers in Bonn said up to 15,000 people attended a rally to mark the uprising that hrought nationalist Prime Minister Mohammad Mnssadeq to power in 1952. He was ousted in a U.S.-run coup a year later. Pnlice and reporters put the crowd at just over 1,500.

#### Suspected Algerian killer shot dead

TUNIS (R) - Algerian security forces shot dad a militant suspected of murdering an Algerian journalist of the government news agency APS, the agency said on Satur-day. Said Bennmhani, hunted since he escaped last March from a prison among some 1,000 kilometres prisoners, was killed nn Thursday in Bnu-Saada, 200 kilometres south of Algiers, APS said qunting a security force statement. APS, referring to Benomhani as the presumed killer of its journalist, said the militant was shot dead as he rode on a motorbike, armed with an automatic pistol. The security operation leading to his killing was mounted shortly after journalist Mohammad Lamine Legoui was gunned down is front of his home in Bou-Saada on Wednesday. APS said then Legoui, aged 49 and father of five children, was killed by unidentified guomen. His murder brought to at least 15 the number of journalists slain in Algiers since May 1993 in attacks blamed by the government on Islamie miliants.

#### Israeli guns pound Lebanon ridge

SIDON, Lehanon (R) — Israeli gunners pounded a guerrilla-controlled ridge in South Lebanon on Saturday, security soruces said. They said about 50 heavy artillery shells slammed into hills of Iqlim Al Toufah, a mountainous ridge held by Hizbollah guerrillas 40 kilometres south of Beirut. There were no reports of casualties. Hizbollah guerrillas use the ridge to launch hit-and-run attacks against Israel's occupation zone in the south. In a separate incident, the sources said an Israeli patrol slipped outside the zone and snatched a Lehanese man, Kassem Rihan, who was in a car driving between the market town of Nahariyeh and Youhmor village. The other occupants were allowed to drive on and the patrol took Mr. Kihan to the occupation enclave, the sources said.

#### Police kill two in southern Egypt

CAIRO (AP) - Police killed two suspected extremists Saturday as they hid in a park in southern Egypt, security officials said. The incident occurred in Al Badari, an Island village in the Nile near Assiut, about 350 kilometres south of Cairo. The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said police were searching for Mohamamd Fiyad, believed to be a leader of the Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah ex group in the Al Badari area. The officials said there was a gunbattle and Flyad was killed. The body of an unidentified man, also believed to be an extremist, was found near him, the officials said. Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah has waged a campaign of violence since the spring of 1992 to try to overthrow Egypt's secular government and repalce it with strict Islamic rule, Fiyad's faction has been hlamed for attacks on police officers and soldiers in troubled assiut province. The latest deaths raised to at least 390 the number of people killed in 28 months of unrest, most of them policemen and extremists, government officials, Coptic Christians and foreigners also have been targeted.

### Clan clashes in Mogadishu kill 2

MOGADISHU (R) - At least two people were killed and six wounded in clashes between rival clans in the lawless Somalia capital of Mogadishu on Saturday and stray shells crashed into U.N. compounds. U.N. military spokesman Major Zuhair Chana said rival militiamen fought with anti-tank rockets, cannon and small arms. Three stray shells caused minor damage to U.N. vehicles. A stray bullet wounded a Pakistanl warrant officer, he said. Fighting eased in the afternoon but roadblocks and large numbers of militiamen and armoured vehicles were seen on the streets of the capital. Maj. Chatta said two Somalis were killed and four were wounded in a fire-fight between gunmen in Bardere district in southern Somalia. The clash sollowed an argument over a stnlen U.N. aid vehicle.

### 'Bomb caused 1980 DC-9 crash'

ROME (AFP) - The crash of an Italian DC-9 carrying 81 people north of Sicily in June 1980 was caused by a bomh, according to the seventh expert enquiry into the incident. Till now some investigators believed a U.S. fighter destroyed the plane, which was flying over the island of Ustica north of Sicily, believing it was a Lihyan aircract, at a time of tension between the West and Libya. One other hypothesis was that an Israeli fighter shot it down believing it was a French cargo plane carrying enriched uranium to Iraq. In this latest enquiry, begun in September 1990, a team of 12 international experts analysed the incident from scratch and concluded in a 1200-page five volume report to Roman Judge Rosario Priore that the most realistie hypothesis was a bomh left in the plane's toilets. Evidence showed traces of TNT on the luggage. The lawyer for the victims' relatives Franco Oi Maria was not convinced by the report. "There has to be an inquiry into the credibility of the experts," he said, judging them hiased. Military experts said the report confirmed their hypothesis. "We have long argued that it was a bomh aboard the DC-9." General Cesare Fazzino said in a statement.

### Turkish restaurants fire-bombed in Berlin

BERLIN (R) - Six people were hurt, three seriously, in an arson attack on a Turkish restaurant in Berlin during the night, German police said on Saturday, Police said unknown attackers hurled petrol bombs through the windows of the restaurant in Berlin's Kreuzberg district at about three a.m. local time (0100 GMT). Earlier, attackers threw four petrol bombs through the windows of a Turkish restaurant in another part of the city, but the flames did not catch and no one was hurt. Germany's 1.8 million-strong Turkish community has been one of the main targets of newo-Nazi fire-hombings since racist violence surged in the aftermath of unification in 1990. The separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), waging a war for an independent Kurdish homeland in southeast Turkey, has also carried out attacks on Turkish targets in Germany nad throughout Europe. A series of spectacular attacks on Turkish travel agencies, consulates and other establishments last summer and again in the autumn led Bonn to ban the PKK.

### Turkish prime minister flies home from Paris

PARIS (AFP) - Tansu Ciller, the Turkish prime minister, Left France Saturday at the end of a three day visit. Ms. Ciller, who left from Orlyn airport bound for Istanbul, was the first Turkish head of government to visit France. Her visit was centred on knitting closer ties with the European Union, notably to set up a fell customs union by the end of 1995. Ms. Ciller also discussed Turkey's Kurdish separatist problem with Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, who said that France supported Turkey's territorial integrity, hut considered the solution to the rebellion by the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) could not come only by use of force and "only a political approach can find a durable solution to these problems."

# Rabin to give King photos of Dome of Rock restoration

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin will present His Majesty King Hussein with a photograph alhum showing the restoration of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, at the two leaders' historic meeting in Washington Monday, officials said.

The album has a gilt cover and bears a dedication in Hehrew and Arabic to the King from Mr. Rabin and those who aspire to peace.

The Washington summit will be the first public meeting between the two leaders. A woman photographer, Varda Pnlack Zam, took pictures of the 18-month restoration of the golden dome which marks the site where according to tradition the Prophet Mohammad began his asceot to heaven.

Specialists from Northern Ireland covered the dome with a fine layer of 24-carat gold worth some \$1.5 million using electroplating techniques. The restoration started on Jan. 27, 1993.

The overall cost of the restoration was put at \$12 miltion, provided mostly by King Hussein from his personal King Hussein hecame

custodian of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem after King Abdullah was assassinated at the mosque on July 20, 1951. The gilded, octagonal Dome of the Rock, the third holiest site in Islam, has

adorned Jerusalem's skyline for more than 1,300 years. Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres were scheduled to leave Israel on Saturday for the

meeting with King Hussein. On Wednesday Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali hosted Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to a landmark meeting attended by U.S. Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher at a Dead Sea botel in Jordan. Two days earlier delega-

tions from Israel and Jordan

opened peace negotiations on the Israeli side of the border. Ms. Pollak-Sahm said she took slides of the Dome of the Rock during its renovation from last November to

April.
"It was a very exciting project," she said. "They actually set up a gold factory outside the mosque and covered the dome with 80 kilos of 24-carat gold riles."

She said the photographs

show "Islam in all its splen-Inside the album is a de-dication from Mr. Rabin to

King Hussein in Hebrew, Arabic and English. "To His Majesty King Hussein I of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Io appreciation from the seekers and pursuers of peace," it reads. "Yitzbak Rabin,

prime minister, state of Uoder the inscription is the date, 25 July 1994.
The Dome of the Rock and

the adjacent silver-domed Al Agsa Mosque are run by the Jordanian Waqf and the Palestinian Higher Islamic Council.

Jordanian experts visited the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat Friday to assess plans for building a road linking Jordan with Egypt via Israel, according to Israeli state tele-

The officials refused to be filmed but were seen travelling to the Israeli-Egyptian border. They later beld talks with Israeli transport ministry experts, the television said.

Israel and Jordan agreed a series of draft accords towards establishing peace Wednesday, including opening their border to foreigners at Eilat and Aqaba.

### Baghdad denies role in Khoei's accident NICOSIA (Agencies) -Mohammad Taghi Al

Baghdad on Saturday denied liquidating the son of the late Grand Ayatollah Abdul Qassim Al Khoei in a "staged" campaign to suppress dissent amoog Iraq's largest Muslim

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted the governor of Najar province as saying that Mohammad Taghi Al Khoei was killed Thursday wheo his car went oot of control and collided with a truck.

The governor rejected as "groundless" the allegation hy a Shi'ite dissident group that the collision was prearranged by the Sunnidominated government, the state run ageocy said. The INA report was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Khoei's nephew Yousef Al Khoei charged Friday that the death was "an organised assassination attempt which has many precedents in

Yousef Al Khoei, who is also a spokesman for the Al Khoei Foundatioo, said the crash occurred on the Najaf-Karbala highway as his uncle made his weekly pilgrimage to the sacred Shi'ite city of Karbala.

He said authorities blocked off the road after the crash and torched the car to destroy all evidence.

The car's two other occupants. Mohammad Taghi Al Khoei's hrother-in-law Amin Khalkhali and his six-yearold son, were also killed.

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right-wing opposition leaders

in calling for revenge artacks.

in Australia should dis-

appear, or the ambassador in

Bueoos Aires should dis-

appear," said Rafael Itan.

the leader of the right-wing

But others called for cau-

tion, warning against an esca-

"I don't believe in a chain

of bodies," said Communica-

tions Minister Shulamit Alo-

ni, from Mr. Sarid's Meretz

party. "I wouldn't send our

people all over the world,

there is the issue of other

"Israeli and the Jewish

oations' sovereignty.

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"The (Iranian) ambassador

Beirut

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Tsomet Party.

Khoei's father was the spiritual leader of the world's 200 million Shi'ites. He died of a heart attack in 1992.

Khoei, 35, a middle ranking cleric, had campaigned for the release of relatives and other Shi'ite clerics detained after government forces crushed a Shi'ite rebellion in the aftermath of Iraq's 1991 Gulf war defeat. In a statement to the offi-

cial Iranian ocws ageocy IRNA, Sayyed Abdul Saheh Al Khoei said his younger brother and other passengers in the car as well as the driver were martyred as a result of a fake accident in which a truck hit them from behind." Another relative quoted by

IRNA said he had "no doubt that the accident was staged because as a rule trucks are not allowed on the highway from Karbala to Najaf." He said the Iraqi government had "staged similar accidents to assassinate members of the Iraqi opposition."

Other witnesses had also testified that the accident was staged, the relatives added. A statement from the Al Khoei Foundation in London also blamed Baghdad for the deaths and said it followed 'two years of constant harassment by the govern-meot of Saddam Husseio."

"The three passengers and the driver of their car were set up in an accident. The car was totally burned and the bodies mutilated on the highway," the statement said.

people are vulnerable to re-

venge," wrote commentator

Nahum Barnea in the Yediot

Aharonot daily. "Israel suc-

cessfully kidnapped Mustafa

Dirani, hut the vengeance,

this week, was very painful."

said they strongly suspect

sabotage caused the crash of

a commuter plane this week

that killed 21 people, most of

said they had unspecified in-

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Jewish leaders in Panama

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to extremist violence.

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plane was blown up Tuesday in a bid to sabotage the Middle East peace process. Investigators have not publicly said sabotage caused the air crash, hut privately concede that the evidence points

in that direction. Carlos Augusto Herrera, a special government investigator for the case, told reporters officials are searching for the identity of an unidentified victim believed to be from



ign Affairs Committee Chairman Erdal Inoma process. Several parliament members from (centre), who is visiting Jordan at the head of a Jordan attended the talks (Petra photo)

# New Jersey murder suspect confessed, police chief says

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - A Jordanian detained oo suspicion of killing his wife in the United States has confessed to having committed the murder and bas been referred to the prosecutor general for investigations and possible trial io Jordan, the chief of police, Lieute-nant General Abdul Rahman Al Adwan, said Sunday.

Lt. Gen. Adwan, head of the Public Security Departmeot (PSD), told the Jordan Times that Mohammad Abequa, 45, who was arrested oo Thursday, confessed Sunday to the murder of his 40-yearold American wife, Nihal, in the United States.

"During questioning, the suspect confessed and said: 'Yes, I killed my wife'," Gen. Adwan said.

Mr. Abequa's wife Nihal, of Turkish origin, is believed to have been strangled to death on July 3 ahead of a court hearing in the U.S. on custody of the couple's children, Lisa, 6, and Sami, 3. Nihal Abequa's body was found oo July 6 in her apartmeot in Parsippany-Troy Hills, New Jersey, and U.S. authorides say. Mr. Abequa

TUNIS (Agencies) - One of

two Arah amhassadors freed

after heing kidnapped io

Algeria said Saturday the

Armed Islamic Groop (GIA)

"It was the GIA which kidnapped us," Yemeni en-

voy Ali Askar told Reuters in

"The partisans of the GIA

could have killed us, but they

accompanied us to the out-

skirts of Algiers before giving

us a car to return home." Mr.

Askar said from his home in

the ootskirts of the Algerian

The Algerian news agency APS quoted Algerian secur-

ity sources on Friday as saying Mr. Askar and Hilal

Ben Salem Al Siyahi of

Oman, their Moroccan driver

and a Yemeni guest who was

travelliog with them when

they were abducted oo July

15 had all been found alive

It gave no precise details

about where they were found

or the manner of their reap-

Meanwhile an Italian was

reported missing in Algeria

by his family Saturday, rais-

ing fears that another fore-

igner may have fallen victim

and abducted them

Tunis by telephone.

capital.

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before fleeing to Jordan. The father and the two children arrived in Amman on July 6. Gen. Adwan said when police raided Mr. Abequa's

hideout, he was alone and did

oot show any motion or offer "He did not resist the arrest, and he did oot look surprised upoo seeiog police," the general said. Gen. Adwan would not release any details of where

the suspect was arrested or how he was arrested or who led police to his whereaboots. Reports quoting unnamed officials say Mr. Abequa's mother Samiha guided anthorities to the suspect's hideout in an old house in Jahal Taj. The officials said Mr. Abequa had intended to sur-

Lt. Gen. Adwan denied that the suspect was found in

render and asked his mother

to inform police of his where-

Jabal Al Taj but declined to elaborate. He said that oo foreign authority had asked the security to hand over the suspect, adding that the PSD

Arab envoys freed in Algeria

between Ghardaia and Hassi

R'mel, two southern Alge-

rian towns. The car was

found at the town of Ber-

riane. There was no trace of

The family launched an

appeal Saturday in the Algerian press "to all the Algerian

people" to find Mr. Franchi-

ni, who was working in Hassi

R'mel for the Rome-based

Beorini hospital equipment

confirmation by authorities

on the disappearance, whch

comes amid worsening and-

Seven Italians and seven

East Europeans have been

murdered this month, bring-

ing the total number of fore-

igners killed hy extremists

since last September to 51.

exodus of foreigners, whose

expertise and investment is

vital to the military-backed

government's hopes to revive

the economy and ease ten-

The circumstances sor-

rounding the discovery of the

Arah diplomats were oot dis-

closed. The Algerian press

has speculated that the dis-

appearance may have had

roots in Yemen's recent civil

The killings sparked a new

foreigner violence.

There was no immediate

Mr. Franchini.

company.

"Our joh is to send the

suspect to the prosecutor and our joh eods here," he added. Gen. Adwan told the Jor-

dan Times that the two children were staying with the suspect's sister and would remain there until further progress io the case. Ultimately, he said, the Sharia court will determine

the custody of the children. Nooe of the Abequa's family members was available to comment oo the issue. The case assumed a large

magnitude after three New Jersey lawmaker's asked U.S. President Bill Clinton to ask His Majesty King Hussein to intervene to have Mr. Abequa extradited to the U.S. Jordanian officials say it is unlikely that the suspect will be handed to the United

States since there is no extradition treaty between the two countries. However, "it is a political decision that should be made by King Hussein," said an

official source. Legal experts say Jordan has done its job of arresting would like to try Mr. Abequa the suspect and that "the matter will be for the Minisin Jordan since he still retains his Jordanian nariooality.

made, Arab diplomats said,

out the circumstances.

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Askar said.

others had been well treated

were freed after having met

with the leader of the GIA.

Bid Abdullah Ahmad, who

explained to us that his move-

ment wants to establish Isla-

mic Khilafa (Islamic state-

hood) throughout the Arah

World as well as throughout

the Islamic World," Mr.

"We were well treated and

#### Military school ordered to admit women

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AFP) — A militar academy was ordered Friday to admit the first woman into its cadet ranks, ending more than 150 years of an all-male and there was no claim of policy. Judge Westoo Houck's decision woold responsibility. Exiled leaders of the fundamentalist Islamic admit Shannon Faulkner, 19, Salvation Front condemned to the Citadel in Charleston. South Carlonia, where A journalist who saw the women have previously only ambassadors Saturday after been allowed to attend clasthey met Algeria's foreign ses as visiting students. Ms. minister said they showed no Faulkner had filed a sex dissigns of fatigue and made no statement. Foreign Ministry crimination suit against The Citadel, which had accepted spokesman Ahdul Aziz her application mistaking her Sebaa referred to their "liberatioo," without spelling for a male student and then rejected her wheo discover-The two eovoys, their driving the error. The Citadel has er and guest went missiog threatened to make Ms. Faulkner follow all the while on a trip to a rural academy codes strictly - inbeauty spot. Their burnt-out cluding shaving her head - if car was subsequently found in the Khemis Al Kechna forced to admit her. The judge ordered Ms. Fankner's area, 30 kilometres southeast immediate admittance to be The route passes through followed up by plans for an area notorious for Islamic accommodating more women to be completed by 1995. Mr. Askar said he and the

#### S. African siamese twin's heart stops for hour

PRETORIA (R) - The heart of a South African siamese twin, separated from her sister a day after their hirth a week ago, stopped beating for an hour but was successfully restarted, her father said. Renier Krige said he and his wife, Eloise, were preparing to leave Pretoria's H.F. Verwoerd Hospital at noon when he noticed something was wrong with little Donne. "I was looking at the heart monitor when I saw it started to give strange indications. I immediately alerted the hospital personnel," he told Reuters. It took an hour to get the heart heating again. As doctors fought to save her, respirators kept Donne alive. Mr. Krige said there was no danger of hraindamage. Donne and her sister. Monique, were born joined at the stomach. The girls, part of a set of triplets, were horn eight weeks prematurely. Their sister, Carmen, continues to do well and is expected home in about four weeks. "Our emotions are doing a rollercoaster ride," said Mr. Krige. 'One day things are excellent and permits turned up at dawn, a the next there is a crisis. It is Palestiniao police officer just our faith which has kept

#### Ferruccio Franchini dis-No ransom demand was appeared July 3 while driving Israel, PLO plan economic talks

planned huilding of the

Palestinian authority institutions and structures has begun," said the official, who asked not to be identified. When PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat settled in self-rule

Gaza and Jericho earlier this month, the Palestinian authority began working on reconstructing the areas Israel handed over after 27 years of According to the May 4

peace agreement between the PLO and Israel, the Palestinian authority under Mr. Arafat was to comprise 24 members. But only 17 have been appointed so far.

"During today's meeting, each minister in the self-rule Palestinian government discussed his ministry's plans, programmes, oceds and what they have achieved so far," said Mr. Qouriea.

Nahil Shaath, in charge of planning, said it "was the first authority meeting attended by all ministers after the arrival of Samir Ghosheh, minister of labour, who was

sworn io today.\* "We discussed huilding structures of the Palestiniao authority, its hudget and how to fill the remaining seven portfolios," Dr. Shaath said.

March in Gaza

Some 10,000 demonstrators marched through Gaza City Friday in solidarity with Palestioian workers after Israel reopened the Erez border cheekpoint, scene of bloody clashes last Sunday.

The demonstration ended outside the Shifa Hospital, which received some of the 75 wounded in the Erez fighting. Two Palestinians were killed when workers fed up

with long waits at the checkpoint clashed with Israeli troops, dragging settlers and Palestinian police into the conflict.

The demonstration Friday was organised by five Palestinian groups opposed to the Israeli-PLO self-rule accord signed on May 4, including the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

It was preceded by a huge rally at Gaza's Al Yarmuk stadium, during which Israeli and U.S. flags were set Speakers denounced the

PNA's "passivity" over the Erez clashes, and also condemned the visit to Gaza Thursday by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Israel reopened its border with Gaza Friday, but only 3,226 Palestiniaos out of the 22,000 holding Israeli work

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LAUREL, MD. (AP) -

Sasa Nikolic says he got

taken for a ride by an unscru-

pulous New York cah driver.

Now he's benefiting from his

misadventure. The 24-year-

old tourist from the Nether-

lands found himself practical-

ly broke earlier this month

after he paid the driver \$272

for an eight-hour sightseeing tour of New York — and

\$472 the next day to take him

to Washington. Mr. Nikolic

said the cabbie, whom he couldn't identify, told him

cah and hus fare to Washing-

ton were about the same, but

a cab was faster. The truth is,

hus fare would have been

\$25.95. The cahhie dropped

him off at a Laurel, MD.

hotel, outside Washington,

on the third day of what was

supposed to be a month-long

trip to the United States.

There. Mr. Nickolic met

A.B. Miller, who lives near

the hotel, heard the tourist's.

story and started calling TV

stations and oewspapers.

Offers of help for the picture-

frame maker began pouring

in. He has received free air-

fare to California and Flor-

ida, special tours of Florida

theme parks, more than \$300

in cash, free hotel rooms and

- no more cabhies - com-

olimentary limousine rides

wherever he goes. Mr. Niko-

lic has been invited to a party

actor Hulk Hogan and is

scheduled to meet former

Chicago Bulls star Michael

Jordan at a Minor League

hasehall game Tuesday.
"You bet I'm overwhelmed,"

said Mr. Nikolic, who now

has a travelling companion—

Miller. The two flew to Flor-

ida on July 15. Mr. Nikolic

said he and the cabbie did not

discuss a specific fare. By

law, New York cabdrivers

can charge either a fare

negotiated in advance or a

rate of \$2.50 per mile (1.6

kilometres). At that rate, the

237-mile (279-kilometres) New York-Washington trip

should have cost \$592.50.

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